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PEACE ENVOYS TO SEE REDS IN H.K.

Labour Wins Bye-Election

London, February 18.
The Labour Party retained its seat in the bye-election in the Batley and Morley Division, Yorkshire, when Dr. A.D.D. Broughton, the Labour candidate, polled 24,514 votes against the Conservative, Mr. A. M. Ramaden's, 16,628 votes.
The figures at the general election were Captain Beaumont, Labour, 22,082; Major C. W. Hirst, Conservative, 11,090; Mr. A. Mitchell, Liberal, 5,266.
The bye-election was caused by the death of Captain Beaumont, former Deputy Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee in the House of Commons.—Reuter.

APL Vessel Due In Red Port

The ss. President Fillmore, of the American President Lines, will arrive at Taku Bay from Tientsin tomorrow.
It will be the first foreign vessel to call at Taku since the Communist occupation. APL officials said permission had been granted by the Communists for the ship to discharge 1,700 tons of general merchandise cargo.
The President Fillmore, which is out of New York, left Fusan, Korea, yesterday.
Two Chinese ships are now on their way to the Red-held port of Chingwangtao, about 100 miles North East, to exchange flour for coal.
The ss. Greater Shanghai is expected to reach Chingwangtao tonight or tomorrow and the ss. Tangshan on Sunday. Both are carrying 30,000 bags of flour.
Shipping circles said the barter programme calls for exchange of 300,000 bags of flour from the South for 100,000 tons of Kailan coal.
When the programme is completed, Chinese sources said, 20 ships would have been assigned to service between Shanghai and Northern ports.
The source of the four is unknown but an ECA spokesman said none of it came from ECA.—Associated Press.

Luxury Liner Answers Vessel's SOS

New York, February 18.
The Cunard White Star luxury cruise ship Caronia was today reported to be speeding at 22 knots to the rescue of a 4,449-ton freighter, aground 11 miles West of Punta Galera, Colombia, with its crew ready to abandon ship.
The Panamanian freighter Andalusia sent a distress call that she had smashed into a reef off the coast of Colombia.
The Caronia was 180 miles away from the distressed ship when she reported to the Coast Guard that she was heading for the Andalusia at 22 knots. Coast Guard officials said that so far as is known the Caronia was the nearest rescue ship. At the liner's best speed it will take her more than eight hours to reach the freighter.
The Coast Guard said both the Andalusia and the Caronia had been trying by radio to contact Barranquilla, Colombia's main harbour, to see if any craft large enough to effect a rescue were available there. The Caronia reported the wireless station in Kingston, Jamaica, was also trying.—United Press.

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Meeting To Determine Need For Further Peace Talks COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Canton, February 18.
Members of the Nanking People's peace delegation now in Canton will go to Hong Kong tomorrow or on Sunday to consult the Chinese Communists in the British colony.

This was stated tonight by the delegation leader, Professor Wu Yu-hao, who said that the main purpose of the visit was to find out whether the Communists in the North require the delegation to re-visit Peiping for further discussions of the peace proposals.

Professor Wu Yu-hao, who will be accompanied by Professor Wu Chih-sen and Mr. Wang Sing-hun, said they expected to be in Hong Kong for several days. Later, they would return to Canton. From Canton to Nanking, Professor Wu thought, they would be accompanied by Dr. Sun Fo.

Though the professor did not say so, it is presumed that the delegation has received a radio reply from the North through Hong Kong.
Meanwhile, the Tai Kwong Po reports that Mr. Chung Tien-sien, close associate of Dr. Sun Fo, has been in Hong Kong to contact responsible officials of the Communists' South China Bureau.
Mr. Chung is quoted as having told reporters that although he did not go to Hong Kong to see the Communists on official instructions from the Premier, his visit had Dr. Sun Fo's approval.

Indication

Mr. Chung is reported to have added that the Premier's approval of his going to contact the Communists was an indication that Dr. Sun Fo did not insist on war with the Communists in opposition to President Li Tsung-jen's advocacy of peace.

Chinese reports said today that Mr. Ku Meng-jui, retired Kuomintang statesman now residing in Hong Kong, had declined Acting President Li Tsung-jen's invitation to come back into active political life to help him in making peace with the Communists.
President Li, according to the reports, recently despatched Mr. Fan Yu-hsiu, prominent legislator to Hong Kong as his personal envoy to persuade Mr. Ku to return to Nanking.
President Mr. Ku a personal cable last month for the same purpose.
This was the second time Mr. Ku declined official appointment. When Mr. Wang Wen-hao was appointed Prime Minister last year he offered Mr. Ku the post of Deputy Premier in his cabinet.

Far-Reaching

A plan to resume all communications between Communist-occupied North China and Nationalist-held areas in the South, paving the way for a total cease-fire in China's civil war has been presented by the Shanghai non-partisan delegation to the Communist leaders in Peiping, according to a Nanking report.

News of this far-reaching unconfirmed development reached Nanking today by radio-telephone. It is expected to be discussed between the representative of the delegation and Mr. Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of the Communist Party, when they meet shortly.
The plan was reported to provide for:

1. Guarantees by both sides to protect postal staff, trains, planes and shipping between the two areas;
2. Drafting of principles upon which inter-communications between the two areas would operate;
3. Appointment of representatives to attend a technical conference at a place to be fixed, where experts will arrange details for the restoration of all of China's communications.

Significant

The plan was reported to have been proposed to Dr. W. W. Yen, leader of the Shanghai delegation, by Nationalist postal authorities.
Almost simultaneous reports from Taiwan that Mr. Yu Tse-wei, Minister of Communications in the Sun Fo Cabinet, had resigned are regarded by observers as especially significant.
According to Peiping radio-telephone reports, the representative of the non-partisan delegation had just left for the interior of Communist-held North China to meet Mr. Mao Tse-tung.

Still Trying For Release

Nanking, February 18.
General Li Han-yung, Governor of Hainan Island, left Nanking today by air for Formosa where he said that he would interview the Governor, General Cheng Chen, about the release of the "Young" Marshal, General Chang Hsueh-liang.
The release of the "Young" Marshal was recently ordered by the Acting President under his political reforms, providing for the release of all political prisoners in Nationalist China.

The "Young" Marshal, however, remains imprisoned in Formosa. His confinement dates back to 1936 after he had played a leading part in the kidnapping of President Chiang Kai-shek at Sian.—Reuter-AAP.

Yesterday, it was reported that the Communist Mayor of Peiping, General Yen Chien-ying, had agreed to a representative—probably Dr. Shao Li-tse—to visit the Communist Chairman, Dr. Shao is not an official member of the non-partisan delegation, but is a leading member of the Nationalist official peace delegation.

If he should represent the non-partisan delegation, the meeting with Mr. Mao, it would greatly enhance China's peace prospects, according to reliable observers here.
This prospect, together with the strengthening of President Li Tsung-jen's position in Nanking in his dispute with Dr. Sun Fo in Canton, has given the Nationalist peace-making group a new lease of life.
The result of the reported investigation by the Control Yuan of Dr. Sun Fo's alleged sale in Hong Kong dollars of his Shanghai residence and his alleged disposal of large amounts of former Japanese dyestuffs is being awaited, meanwhile, with very keen interest in Nanking.

Showdown Possible

The possibility of a showdown with the Premier—who is said to have split the Government and weakened President Li's peace policy by evincing to Canton—when the Legislative Yuan probably resumes here about February 25, is attracting widespread attention.
The President of the Legislative Yuan, Mr. Tung Kwan-hsin, today returned to Nanking, thus strengthening the possibility of the legislative body meeting in Nanking.

THE WEATHER

At 0800 GMT (12 PM HKST) a ridge from a Siberian anti-cyclone covers China and extends Eastwards across the Pacific to Japan. The trough of low pressure from the deep depression E of Khabarovsk now lies off the E coast of Japan and a depression appears to be forming in the NE of Tokyo.
Today's Forecast—Moderate E winds, fair or fine.
Yesterday's Weather—
Maximum 69.5 deg. F.,
Minimum 54.0 deg. F.,
Sunshine 9.6 hours.
Rainfall Nil. Total since Jan. 1—15.2 mm (0.6 in.) as against an average of 61.6 mm (2.4 in.)
Bar. at sea level 1012.4 (1012.4 mm Hg.)
Bar. at Mt. ... 1008.9 (1008.9 mm Hg.)
Rel. Humidity ... 80% 78%
Dew Point ... 58 56 deg. F.
Wind Direction ... E 17
Wind Force ... 17
Tides—
High ... 11.45
Low ... 2.15
High ... 7.15
Low ... 1.45

the capital rather than Canton.
The sudden decision of Marshal Yen Hui-shan, Governor of Shanai, today to cancel his flight to Canton to see Dr. Sun Fo, appeared to support the view that the Canton group was losing its importance, observers thought.

Secret Visit

The Marshal's decision today was said to have followed a short secret plane journey from Shanai yesterday that thought to have taken him to interview Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek at Fenghuang.
Strenuous efforts to avert a split among Nationalist legislators over the vital decision on the next meeting place of the Legislative Yuan are being made in Nanking today.

Whether the Yuan meets in Nanking or Canton will probably determine the future of President Li's peace policy with the Communists and of the Cabinet in Canton.

Should 150 legislators decide in favour of meeting in Canton it would be sufficient for a constitutional quorum for the Yuan meeting and would greatly embarrass the majority of legislators in Central China, said to support the President's policy and a resumption of the Yuan meeting in Nanking.

Mr. Tung, President of the Yuan, who arrived today in Nanking, said that he was endeavouring to avert this split among legislators, and announced the next meeting place would depend on consultation with all legislators.
He declined to give his personal view about whether the Yuan should meet in Nanking.—Reuter-AAP and United Press.

Britons Wounded In Burma

Rangoon, February 18.
Two Britons, a Royal Air Force sergeant attached to the British Services Mission, and an employee of the British Embassy here, were slightly wounded during the recent fighting between Karen insurgents and Burmese in the Insein sector, just North of here, it was learned officially today.
The sergeant was hit by a stray bullet while fighting near the Mingaladon military cantonment, where the British Services Mission has its headquarters.
The other Briton was wounded while evacuating British nationals in Insein.—Reuter.

WELLINGTON ST. ARMED ROBBERY

Shortly after 8 pm. yesterday two men armed with revolvers entered the premises of the Po Ho Watch Store at 153 Wellington Street and stole about 30 watches.

As soon as the robbers left the premises, the shop keeper attempted to pursue them, but he thought it best to remain indoors when the desperadoes opened fire, wounding one by-stander in the wrist.

Up to a late hour last night, no arrest had been announced.

EARTHQUAKE IN ALGERIA

Algiers, February 18.
Violent earthquake shocks were felt during last night in the region of Korrata and Chert Alzira between Bougie and Djidjelli, Algeria.
Several buildings collapsed but no deaths have yet been reported.—Reuter.

Russian Tars Hear Skirl O' The Pipes



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UN To Resume Talks On Atomic Control

Lake Success, February 18.
The United Nations resumes its troubled negotiations for world control of atomic energy today with no prospects of a break in the long deadlock between Russia and the West.

The Western powers, making up nine of the 14 members of the UN Atomic Energy Commission, planned to resume detailed work on their majority-approved plan for strict international control despite Russia's complete rejection of it.

As a first step in the resumed negotiations, the United States and other Western countries went to work on a summarized version of the complex world control plan approved last December by the United Nations General Assembly.

The Atomic Commission called this afternoon's meeting at the request of the United States delegation.
The session was to be the first in a series of meetings in which the West, ignoring Russia's refusal to participate in the American-inspired control machinery, plan to elaborate on it and work out the most minute details of staffing the administration of the proposed world control authority and the assignment of uranium nuclear fuel and atomic power-making facilities to various nations of the world.

This does not mean that the West planned to go ahead with international control without Russia. The West still operated on the premise that there can be no international control of the atom until and unless the Russians as well as all other powers of appreciable size join in.

The atomic deadlock, like the stalemate over disarmament, a United Nations army and all other major questions in the United Nations, is not expected to ease until the Russians, Americans, British and French find means of ending their cold war, writing peace treaties for Germany and Japan and shelving the ever growing suspicions which have split the East and West.—United Press.

NEW AUSSIE TRADE COMMISSIONER

Canberra, February 18.
Mr. H. Wrigley, Australian Commercial Counsellor in Japan, has been appointed Trade Commissioner to Hong Kong.
He succeeds Mr. R. Hazard, who left Hong Kong last year.
Announcing Mr. Wrigley's appointment here today, Mr. A. T. Pollard, Commerce Minister, said that the Trade Commissioner in Hong Kong would also be responsible for commercial matters in a part of South China and the Philippine Islands.—Reuter.

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Almost certainly these countries would be included: Federation of Malaya, Singapore, Sarawak, North Borneo and Brunei.

The prospective dominion's most far-flung points would be the Cocos-Keeling Islands, 700 miles South West of Java, and lonely Christmas Island, 222 miles South of Java. Both are considered part of Singapore. Possibly, Hong Kong might be included.

A British South East Asian dominion would be of great economic importance to the U.S. British South East Asia produces most essential raw materials—many of them available nowhere else.
Rubber, tin, petroleum, copper, palm oil, copra and sugar are just part of the list. And there is gold in Sarawak.

More important than the economic side, though, is the political view. By building toward self-government in one of the centres of the empire, Britain is dealing the Communists a real blow. It ruins the chief Communist propaganda point—that Communism offers the only chance for independence.

Asian authorities believe that is particularly important just now when the Red tidal wave of successes in China threatens to spill over Indo-China and threaten all South East Asia.
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NOTICE

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HONG KONG STAGE CLUB

There will be a casting meeting for "Twelfth Night" on Monday, 21st February at 8.00 p.m. in the China Fleet Club. The meeting is open to all and new members are especially invited to attend and read.

HK Imports, Exports Down

Imports of merchandise into the Colony during January amounted in declared value to HK\$159,335,982 as compared with HK\$139,765,107 in the corresponding month of 1948.

January's imports were HK\$98,912,704 less in value than December's imports, which were HK\$258,249,746.

Exports during January amounted to HK\$171,811,389 as compared with HK\$113,316,302 in January last year.

Compared with December, last month's exports were HK\$12,901,814 less in value, December's value was HK\$184,713,203.

The figures include government-sponsored cargo.

Judgment Reserved

Judgment was reserved by Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice) yesterday in the action for specific performance of an agreement for the sale of No. 48 Kennedy Road, alleged to have been entered into during the Japanese occupation.

The plaintiff is Liu Lan-fong alias Liu Ah-lan, executrix of the will of Koo Shun-ling alias Wan Sing. She is represented by Mr. H. C. Sheldon, K.C., and Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks of Haslings and Company.

The defendant in the case is Hangkam Kwongtung Woo, solicitor and partner of the law firm of Woo and Woo. He is representing and is instructing, the Hon. Leo D'Almada e Castro, K.C., and Mr. B. A. Bernacchi.

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Official Notices, Appointments

Mr. John Philip Ascarappa's appointment as a Cadet Officer, Class '11, has been approved by the Secretary of States for the Colonies with effect from February 3.

Mr. Jim Johnston has been appointed to be an Assistant Superintendent of Police, on probation, with effect from August 25 last.

Mr. Duncan George Macpherson has been appointed to be an Assistant Superintendent of Police, on probation, with effect from February 19.

Mr. Andrew Nicol, Chartered Civil Engineer, resumed duty as Deputy Director of Public Works, on February 14.

Mr. Arthur Evelyn Lissaman, Chartered Surveyor, ceased to act as Deputy Director of Public Works, on February 14.

Mr. George Stanley Graver, Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, ceased to act as Assistant Director of Public Works on February 14.

Commander Thomas Nevill Masterman, Messrs. David Fortune, Candale, Eric Guard Price, Thomas Burlington Wilson and U Sz-wing have been appointed to be members of the Port Committee for a further period of one year with effect from February 17.

Authority governing the movement and sale of vegetables, invested in the Director of Supplies, Trade and Industry, have been delegated to Mr. Robert Hart, Officer-in-charge of the Government Wholesale Vegetable Market at Reclamation Street, Kowloon. Mr. Clifton Thomas Large, Deputy Officer-in-charge, has been authorised to act in the same capacity in the absence of Mr. Hart.

The names of Drs. Kho Pek-po and Harry Willis have been added to the Register of Medical Practitioners. They are entitled to practice medicine and surgery in Hong Kong.

Satisfactory evidence of Dr. Frank Richard Aston's appointment as Senior Missionary in Hong Kong of the London Missionary Society in the place of the Reverend Mr. Frank Short has been received by the Governor.

Unless the Commercial Airlines Limited show cause to the contrary within three months, its name will be struck off the Register of Companies. It was notified in the Government Gazette yesterday.

POST OFFICE

MAIL NOTICE

Mail Service by Air and Surface to Tientsin and Peking is temporarily suspended until further notice.

AIRMAIL FROM UNITED KINGDOM

The Airmail from United Kingdom, scheduled to arrive on Thursday, February 17, has been further delayed and is now expected to arrive on Saturday, February 19, 1949.

The Outward Airmail for Japan, scheduled to close at 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 17, will now close at 5 p.m. on Saturday, February 19, 1949. (Registered mail half an hour earlier.)

Outward Mails

Articles and Parcel Posts close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. It mails close before 10 a.m. Registered and Parcel Posts close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Closing Times by Air
Canton and Hankow (Kowloon, CTO) 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m.; (GPO) 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 11 a.m., (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.
Airmail for Swatow, Amoy, Shanghai, Ningbo and Tientsin; Airmail for Chungking, (Reg.) 5 p.m., (Ord.) 5.30 p.m.

Airmail for Taipei, (Reg.) 5 p.m., (Ord.) 5.30 p.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Airmail for Japan, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m.

Closing Times by Sea

Shanghai, 1 p.m.

Taipei, 4 p.m.

Japan, 5 p.m.

Strait, Ceylon, India, Madras, Aden, Egypt and Europe via London, (Par. Reg. and Ord.) 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Closing Times by Air
Canton and Hankow (Kowloon, GPO) 10 a.m., 1.30 p.m., (GPO) 9.30 a.m., Noon.

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m., 12.30 p.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m., 10.30 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m., 5 p.m., 10.30 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2.30 p.m., 5 p.m.

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CARNIVAL

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BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

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SEVERAL WAYS TO DO IT
THERE ARE several different ways to play certain combinations of cards in either a trump suit or a side suit. The method to be chosen depends on a variety of factors. One is of course the number of tricks, if any, that you can afford to lose in the suit. Another is the matter of entries and re-entries into your own hand or the dummy.

South's explanation of that way of playing the suit emphasised the fact that West had made a bid and, therefore, was more likely to hold the A than East, who, however, could well hold the J. Furthermore, he said, the A might be a singleton, since West had shown length in spades with his bid.

He did not stop to consider that West had disclosed enough high card strength for his bid with the two spade tops and the possible holding of the club K. Nor did he realise that, with spade length shown as only four, West might well have two of the heart suit, so that there was a good chance East had the same.

If he decided to count West for the A, his right play was to enter his own hand and lead a small spade, if the A was not used, come in with the Q; if it was played, game would be sure.

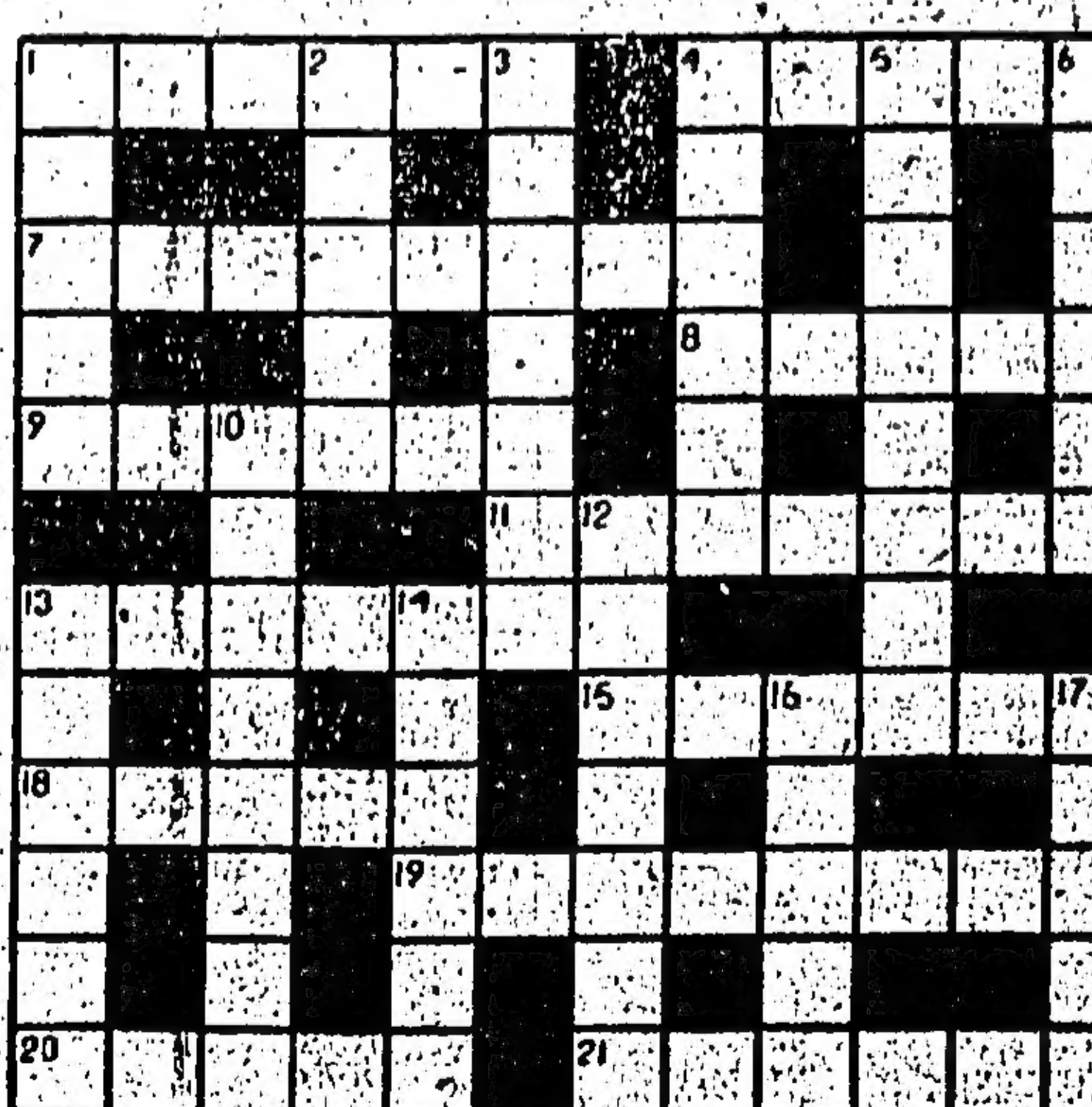
Tomorrow's Problem
S None
H 10 9 4 2
D K Q 10
C K Q 10 9 7 4
S A 10 9
H 8 7 6 5 4 3
D 6 4 3
C 5
S None
H J 7 6
D A 8 7
C 5 2
S K Q J 8 7 2
H K 8 6 5
D 6
C A 6
(Dealer: North. Neither side vulnerable.)

North East South West
1 D Pass 1 H 1 S
2 H Pass 3 H Pass
4 H
Making that contract involves just one problem—how to play the trump suit. West pooled off two spade tricks and put South in the dummy with the spade 10 to the Q. Now the sole job to be done by South was limit his loss in hearts to a single trick. If he happened to lose two, he would be down.

There were plenty of different ways for South to operate on the suit, and of them all he selected what was probably the best way to lose two tricks. He led the heart 2 from the dummy, and

(Dealer: West. Neither side vulnerable.)
If West bids 1-Spade, North 2-Club, East passes and South 1-No Trump, what are his rights in correcting the insufficient bid?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
1 Toy
4 Fur
7 Reprimand
8 Boredom
9 Military display
11 Assembly
13 Shine
15 Wealth
16 Symbol
18 Wisdom
20 Regal
21 Steady
Down
1 Feature
2 Face
3 Summary
4 Orb
5 Wave
6 Finish
10 Artifice
12 Anger
13 Clean
14 Showy stuff
16 Beverage
17 Fashion

Yesterday's Crossword
ACROSS—1 Ebb, 2 Caution, 3 Fear, 4 Chirp, 5 Visitor, 6 Iris, 7 Dawn, 8 Leisure, 9 Adage, 10 Magic, 11 Precise, 12 Moon, 13 Stage, 14 Places, 15 Young, 16 Band, 17 Bohols, 18 Sides.
DOWN—1 Bencad, 2 Spring, 3 Cavi, 4 Arises, 5 Trips, 6 Odour, 7 Damp, 8 Wals, 9 Urge, 10 Rich, 11 Assent, 12 Amends, 13 Issued, 14 Ride, 15 Crave, 16 Kates.

MIXED MARRIAGES WAY TO BROTHERHOOD

CHANGE IN AMERICAN STRATEGY

Washington, February 17. Emphasising the shift in strategic importance, Rear-Admiral Charles Momsen today said two-thirds of the 731-ship active fleet is at present concentrated in the Atlantic. Hitherto, most of the fleet has been in the Pacific.

Admiral Momsen, chief of the Submarine and Anti-Submarine Division, stressed the of particular concern today is the threat of submarines.

Admiral Momsen reviewed the Navy's recently-announced cuts to be made in the personnel of ships and naval air bases, especially in the Pacific.

He also spoke of the increase in anti-submarine forces and reduction in the number of cruisers and heavy carriers. The New York World Telegram writer, Jim Lucas, says that the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff insist that the change in strategy is dictated by the budget. He added that in future budget cuts will be made in the Far East whenever possible instead of in Europe. As long as the United States is operating under a budget, there is no choice, according to high-ranking officers.—United Press.

PI WAR GAMES

Manila, February 18. Field exercises, climaxing the training of 3,000 student officers and trainees of the Philippine Army, will start today in the Pampanga-Tarlac area in Central Luzon. Live ammunition of all types will be used during the sham battles.

Members of the National Defence Committee of Congress, top-ranking Army officers and newsmen will observe the manoeuvres in Tarlac on Sunday.—United Press.

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London, February 17.

Britain's State-sponsored National Marriage Guidance Council forecast today that the future will bring widespread, and ultimately universal, intermarriage between peoples of all colours.

"Miscegenation, far from being a crime, will help to usher in the true brotherhood of man," the Council declared in its monthly bulletin.

The Council was criticising the sentence of five years' imprisonment imposed by a Missouri (United States) court on an ex-serviceman who, with a percentage of Negro blood in his ancestry, had married a white woman.

"The human race," the bulletin said, "is of one blood. That is not simply an idealistic concept. It is a biological reality. Men and women of all colours and races are able to join in producing offspring. They belong to the same species.

"In these days, as we move reluctantly but relentlessly towards internationalism, this fact is being forced upon us. The old barriers of time and space are being swept away, and frontiers are melting to people the earth with an increasingly cosmopolitan community.

"The tacit assumption that the West is necessarily more cultured than the East, that the white man is inherently superior to the black or brown or yellow, may be dying hard, but nevertheless their days are numbered."

The Hazards

The Council warned that the changing attitude towards mixed marriages should be allowed to follow its natural course and should not be forced.

At present it involves three specific hazards:

- 1.—The psychological differences of racial attitude have to be contended with in a relationship so close as that of husband and wife.
- 2.—The fact that there is no social milieu where both partners are equally at home imposes special tensions upon the home.
- 3.—The likelihood that the children will suffer from some degree of social ostracism.

Mountain Of Prejudice

The Council advised: "Until these strains have been eased, it might be as well that mixed marriages should take place only between those with great resources of character and a strong and clear sense of vocation.

There are such men and women, and they are unobtrusively beating out a pioneer path, but there are mountains of prejudice still to remove, and only the undeniable witness of indisputably successful interracial marriages will remove them."

The National Marriage Guidance Council, formed in 1947, has branches all over Britain which give advice to married couples and try to save tottering

Merle Oberon To Wed Again?

Venice, February 17. Canals and cafes of Venice buzzed with speculation today over a possible wedding between the film actress, Merle Oberon, and Venice's playboy, Count Giorgio Cini.

The doors of the staid Cini Palazzo in Venice are barred to newsmen. Household servants refuse to confirm reports that the couple are at home preparing for their wedding.—United Press.

Wants MacArthur Back In U.S.

Washington, February 18.

A Republican Senator, William Knowland, said today that General MacArthur should be called back from Japan before Congress acts upon funds for European armament aid.

Mr Knowland in a Senate speech pointed to Communist advances in China and said he fears that policies similar to those the U.S. has followed in China may develop for Japan in the face of Soviet aggression.

The California Senator recalled that General MacArthur had been mentioned as a Republican Presidential possibility.

No such conditions now exist, Mr. Knowland said, and it would be entirely fitting and proper for the General to return now and give Congress his knowledge of conditions in the Pacific.

Mr. Knowland first proposed General MacArthur's return in a letter to chairman, Millard Tydings of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Reports from Tokyo, he said, in the Senate speech, indicate there may have been a basic change in American policy.

"I hope that is not true," Mr. Knowland said, adding that any plan for withdrawal from Japan would dash hopes for establishing a democratic government or making Japan self supporting.

While Congress is voting billions to keep European nations from going behind the iron curtain, Mr. Knowland said, it allows 450,000,000 friendly Chinese to be taken behind the iron curtain.—Associated Press.

SUSPENSION OF DUTY ON COPPER

Washington, February 18.

The House of Representatives today approved unanimously a bill suspending for two more years the import duty on copper. The action is intended to encourage imports of the metal.—Associated Press.

PALESTINE AGREEMENT VIRTUALLY CERTAIN

Rhodes, February 17.

Technical difficulties may delay for a few days the signing of the now virtually completed Israeli-Egyptian armistice agreement.

The present hitches include bringing Dr. Shabtai Rosen, the Israeli legal adviser, from Tel Aviv. He should arrive by Friday, possibly by plane, to get the agreement concluded and signed during the week-end.

Another hitch is the necessity for the Egyptians to refer the completed draft to Cairo for approval before signing. This will probably delay the signature for another 24 hours.

The Transjordan-Israeli talks will open in the middle of next week if the Egyptian agreement is concluded in the next few days.

An agreement between Israel and the Lebanon has been virtually drafted and will probably be completed once the Egyptian armistice agreement is signed.

Dr. Ralph Bunche feels that the opening of discussions with Transjordan may prompt moves for similar conferences with the remaining Arab League countries.

Two main difficulties envisaged in the prospective Israeli-Transjordan talks are the problem of the Tulkarm-Jenin-Nablus "Arab triangle" in Central Palestine, mainly held by Iraqis, and the possible political character of the conversations.

It is not yet known whether Transjordan will have powers to discuss the complete triangle for which she is responsible to the United Nations.

Suspensions Removed

Possibilities mentioned by conference circles are that the Transjordan delegation may include Iraqi officers, or the King Abdullah of Transjordan and Regent Abdul-Ilia of Iraq will reach some private agreement outside the conference.

Dr. Bunche worked until the early hours of today with his senior advisers, hammering out the latest draft agreements. Informal sources said the draft meets with the Egyptians' complete approval, except for certain minor details.

A high source of the Israeli delegation told Reuter today that though the acting mediator has put in a great deal of work, the Israeli representatives feel one of the main accomplishments of the conference has been a series of back-stage meetings not attended by United Nations officials.

These helped to remove mutual suspicion which had slowed up the talks in the early stages.—Reuter.

EL AUJA TO BE NEUTRAL

Rhodes, February 18.

Jews and Egyptians agreed yesterday in principle to demilitarise El Auja under neutral supervision.

The precise form of the supervision has not yet been determined. It may be under full United Nations authority or a mixed commission may be selected.

The North-South highway crossroads immediately North of the Egyptian border have been a stumbling block in the talks here since January 17.

With the El Auja problem settled, the conference will tackle the Beerabeha issue next.

This important highways communication centre, just South of Jerusalem, is claimed by the Jews who are unwilling to consider a neutrality formula.

They also claim it is a part of future negotiations with Transjordan.

The Egyptian-Jewish talks are expected to end within a few days when the first contingent of Transjordanians arrive next week.—Associated Press.

PROTESTANTS ON TRIAL

Sofia, February 18.

Fifteen Protestant ministers and officials charged with treason, espionage and black market money dealings will go on trial on February 25. They will be tried in a Sofia District Court.

The 15 are of the United Evangelical Church.—Associated Press.

SALES OF GOLD

Washington, February 17.

The International Monetary Fund has asked the South African Government to delay if possible its announced sale of premium price gold in London.

Fund officials are disturbed at the possible repercussions of the sale, such as a drop in the Mexican peso attributed to heavy buying of gold coins.—Reuter.

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THEIR FINEST HOUR

The Bear Joins The Jackal

By Winston Churchill

THE rush for the spoils had begun. But Mussolini was not the only hungry animal seeking prey. To join the Jackal came the Bear. I have recorded in the previous volume the course of Anglo-Soviet relations up till the outbreak of war, and the hostility, verging upon an actual breach, with Britain and France, which arose during the Russian invasion of Finland. Germany and Russia now worked together as closely as they could, and Stalin had much in common as totalitarianism and their systems of government were alike.

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BIRTH

KOTWALL—At the Tai Wo Hospital, on February 13, 1944, to Constance, wife of Lawrence Cyril Kotwall, a daughter, Phyllis Madeleine. Both well.

MARRIAGE

SMIRKE-REMEDIOS—The wedding of Leslie Ernest Smirke and Millicent Antonette Remedios, which was to have taken place on Saturday, February 19th, will now take place on February 20th at St. Joseph's Church at 4 p.m. A reception will be held after the ceremony on the Conduit Road. All friends and relatives are cordially invited.

March Of Events

Although these expressions of their opinion were, of course, unknown till after the war, we were under no illusions about the Russian attitude. We none the less pursued a patient policy of trying to re-establish relations of confidential character with Russia, trusting to the fundamental antipathy to Germany. It was thought wise to use the abilities of Sir Stafford Cripps as Ambassador to Moscow. He willingly accepted this bleak and unpropitious task. We did not at that time realise sufficiently that Soviet Communists hate extreme left-wing politicians over more than they do Tories or Liberals. The nearer he came to Communism in his sentiment, the more obnoxious he is to the Soviets unless he joins the party.

The Soviet Government agreed to receive Cripps as Ambassador, and explained this step to their Nazi confederates. The Soviet Union, wrote Schulenburg in Berlin on May 25, "is interested in obtaining a major and tin from England in exchange for lumber. There is no reason for apprehension concerning Cripps' mission, since there is no reason to doubt the loyal attitude of the Soviet Union towards us and since the unchanged direction of Soviet policy towards England precludes damage to Germany or vital German interests. There are no indications of any kind here for belief that the latest German successes cause alarm or fear of Germany in the Soviet Government."

Fire And Steel

The collapse of France and the destruction of the French armies and all counter-poise in the West ought to have produced some reaction in Stalin's mind, but he hesitated to warm the Soviet leaders of the stability of their own realm. On June 18, when the French defeat was total, Schulenburg reported, "Molotov summoned me this evening to his office and expressed the warmest congratulations on the splendid success of the German armed forces." This was almost exactly a year from the date when these same armed

forces, taking the Soviet Government by complete surprise, fell upon Russia in catapacts of fire and steel. We now know that only four months later in 1940 Hitler decisively decided upon a war of extermination against the Soviets, and began the long, vast, stealthy movement of these much-congratulated German armies to the East. No recollection of their misadventure and former conduct ever entered the Soviet Government and its Communist agents and associates all over the world from screaming for a Second Front, in which Britain, whom they had conspired to ruin and enslave, was to play a leading part.

By mutual suspicions, and last August the Soviet Government decided that the interests of the Soviet Union required that they should break off negotiations with us and enter into a close relation with Germany. Thus Germany became your friend, almost at the same moment as she became our enemy. But since then a new factor has arisen which I venture to think makes it desirable that both our countries should re-establish our previous contact, so that if necessary we may be able to consult together as regards those affairs in Europe which must necessarily interest both. At the present moment the pro-

the interests of the Soviet Union, and if so how best these interests can be safeguarded. But I have felt that the crisis through which Europe, and indeed the world, is passing is so grave as to warrant my laying before you frankly the position as it presents itself to the British Government. This, I hope, will ensure that in any discussion that the Soviet Government may have with Sir S. Cripps, there should be no misunderstanding as to the policy of His Majesty's Government or of their readiness to discuss fully with the Soviet Government any of the vast problems created by Germany's present attempt to create in Europe a methodical process by successive stages of conquest and absorption.

There was, of course, no answer. I did not expect one. Sir Stafford Cripps reached Moscow safely, and even had an interview of a formal and frigid character with M. Stalin.

Collect Spoils

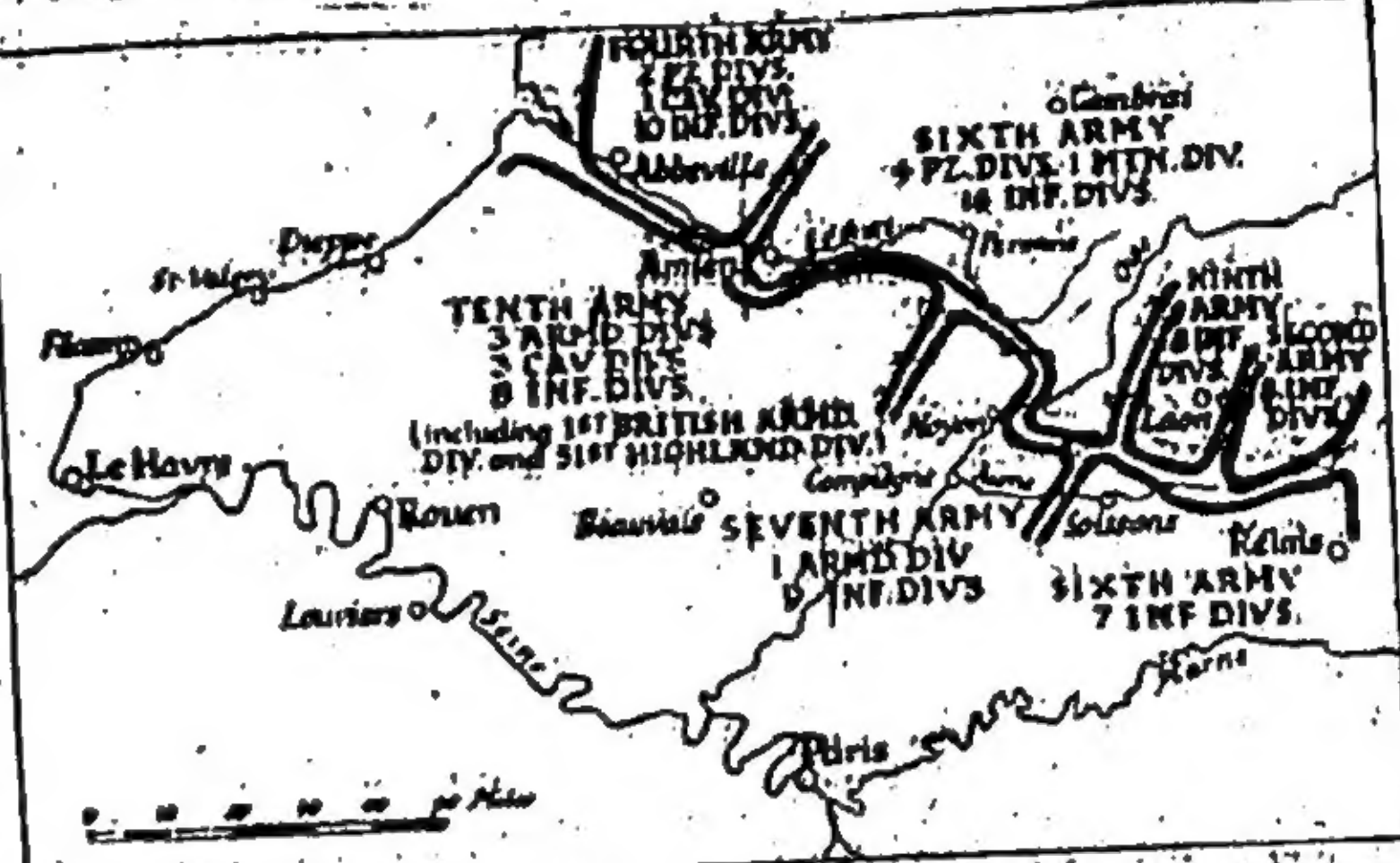
Meanwhile the Soviet Government was busy collecting its spoils. On June 14, the day after the fall of Paris, Moscow had sent an ultimatum to Lithuania accusing her and the other Baltic States of military conspiracy against the U.S.S.R. and demanding radical changes of government and military concessions. On June 16 the Red Army troops invaded the country and the President, Smugla, fled into East Prussia. On the same day Latvia and Estonia were exposed to the same treatment.

Pro-Soviet Governments must be set up forthwith and Soviet armaments admitted into these small countries. Resistance was out of the question. The President of Latvia was deported to Russia, and Vyshinsky arrived on June 21 to nominate a Provisional Government to manage new elections. In Estonia the pattern was identical. On June 10 Zhukov arrived in Tallinn to install a similar regime. On August 5, the presence of pro-Soviet forces and German troops was now firmly established, and the Kremlin annexed the Baltic States to the Soviet Union.

Firmly Planted

The Russian ultimatum to Rumania was delivered to the Rumanian Minister in Moscow at 10 p.m. on June 26. The cessation of Beneš and the Northern part of the province of Bessarabia was demanded, and an immediate reply requested by the following day. Germany, though annoyed by this precipitate action of Russia, which threatened her economic interests in Rumania, was bound by the terms of the German-Soviet pact of August, 1939, which represented the exclusive political interest of Russia in these areas of South-East Europe. The German Government therefore counselled Rumania to yield. On June 27 all Rumanian troops were withdrawn from the two provinces concerned, and the territories passed into Russian hands. The armed forces of the Soviet Union were now firmly planted on the shores of the Baltic and at the mouth of the Danube.

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THE OPPOSING FORCES on the WESTERN FRONT 5 June 1942

However, we comprehended the future more truly than these cold-blooded calculators, and understood their dangers and their interest better than they did themselves. I now addressed myself for the first time to Stalin, Prime Minister to Monsieur Stalin.

Mutual Suspicions

At this time when the face of Europe is changing hourly, I should like to take the opportunity of your receiving His Majesty's new Ambassador to ask the latter to convey to you a message from myself. Geographically our two countries lie at the opposite extremities of Europe, and from the point of view of systems of government it may be said that they stand for widely differing systems of political thought. But I trust that these facts need not prevent the relations between our two countries in the international sphere from being harmonious and mutually beneficial. In the past indeed in the recent past—our relations have, it must be acknowledged, been hampered

before all Europe—our two countries included—how the States and peoples of Europe are going to look towards the prospect of Germany establishing a hegemony over the Continent.

Two Objects

The fact that both our countries lie not in Europe but, on her extremities, puts them in a special position. We are better enabled than others less fortunately placed to resist Germany's hegemony, and, as you know, the British Government certainly intend to use their geographical position and their great resources to this end. In fact, Great Britain's policy is concentrated on two objects: one, to save herself from German domination, which the Nazi Government wishes to impose on the other, to free the rest of Europe from the domination which Germany is now in process of imposing on it. The Soviet Union is alone in a position to judge whether Germany's present bid for the hegemony of Europe threatens

Berlin Blockade "A Failure"

Berlin, February 17.
General Lucius Clay, American commander in Germany, made it plain today that the Soviet blockade of Berlin is a failure.

General Clay said: "It has become crystal clear that blockades and starvation do not form a successful tool for political coercion. There is no question whatsoever of our ability to sustain Berlin by air indefinitely until we have accomplished our objectives."

The Russians are building permanent road blocks of iron, steel and stone across several of the Berlin streets which link the Soviet sector with the Western sectors. Semi-permanent barriers are being thrown across other traffic arteries.

General Clay said: "Without adding any planes to the airlift, we will be able to bring in more than 4,000 tons of supplies daily from here on."

Four thousand tons daily are considered the minimum amount of supplies necessary to sustain the Western sectors of Berlin.

General Clay also: 1. Said that the United States is proceeding with formation of the Western German Government. 2. Declared that the Western German Government is now in a position to take over the administration of the Western sectors of Berlin.

3. Refused to comment on the possibility that Russia may lift the blockade in the near future. 4. Denied charges that Germany's economy is recovering too rapidly at the expense of other European countries.

Germany's increased production benefits all members of the Marshall Plan, he said. Despite Stalin's recent peace offer to President Truman, plans for Western Germany will go ahead, he added.

Stalin had said he can see no obstacle to lifting the Berlin blockade if Allied plans for Western Germany are postponed pending the meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers—United Press.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR HONG KONG?

Can you find the location of the following places? The answers are in Page Seven.



"Libor Mary Shilling" After all this time? By the water around their must really be deep.

Our errant news agencies again. One believes that in Britain's new Central Africa dominion, the great population will be ruled by a benevolent aristocracy. So there's hope for the remittance men's help, and all would-be autocrats and dictators can take notice.

At last! Those misguided ones who thought "DE" meant Dairy Farm.

"Records" polling in Portugal's election. The President was the only candidate. One for all, and all for one.

Earl Baldwin of Bowley shoots his shafts shrewdly. After all, what's so absurd in the White Man being the Black man's burden? Stating the case crudely.

These coolies we saw volunteering the other day should make fine sturdy copper miners some time.

Look up Sun Fo's "Cabinet" in a French dictionary for at least one description of it.

Waiting to deport Anna to the U.S. is regarded as a strong move by Stalin.

A visiting Rumanian says Chinese girls' dresses would shock them in Rangoon, where a damsel wears "a transparent, gauze-like blouse." Which only goes to show you.

What about following in Penang's footsteps with a Kowloon secession committee?

So, once again the fat is in the fire between Turkey and Greece.



Your electricity bill. Mac!

IKE'S PORTRAIT

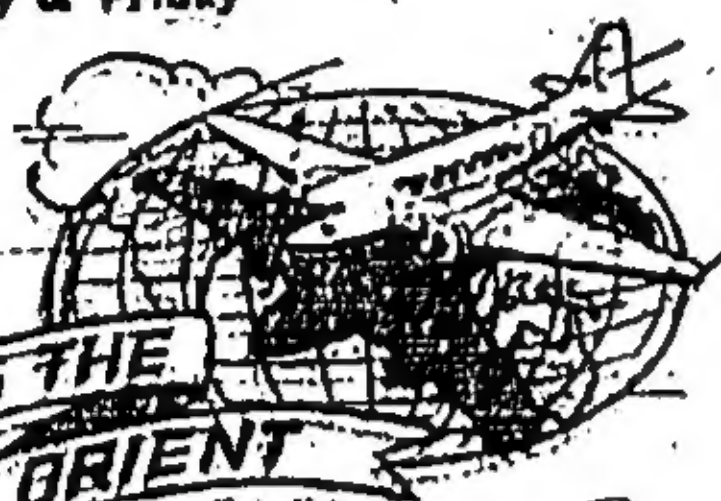
Aldershot, February 17.
A portrait in oils of General Eisenhower, a gift of the Quartermasters Association of the United States Army, was presented to the Headquarters Mess of the Royal Army Service Corps here today by Major-General John Leonard, United States Military Attache in London.

The portrait will hang in the mess alongside those of leaders of the last war, including Winston Churchill and Lord Montgomery—Reuter.



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FREE GOLD TRADING FORECAST IN CHINA ECONOMIC REFORM PLAN SAID TO BE IMMINENT

INCREASES FOR CIVIL SERVANTS

London, February 17.
The British Government has decided in principle to accord large increases in salaries for civil servants in the highest grades.

A special committee, headed by the Labour Peer, Lord Chorley, had recommended this action. The committee's report, published to-night, proposes that in future the Permanent Secretary of the Treasury—the chief of the Civil Service—receive £5,000 per annum, equal to the salary of a Cabinet Minister. Other heads of Ministries would receive £4,500.

At present, these chiefs receive £3,750 and £3,500 respectively. Britain's highest civil servants, who carry the permanent responsibility of administration regardless of a change of Government, have been unfavourably compared with those of other countries.

Permanent heads of great Government departments in some cases, considerably less than heads of the boards of nationalised industries.

In defence to Britain's present "freeze" of wages, prices and profits, civil servants have indicated that they are willing to accept a postponement of the increases and their eventual application by gradual stages.—Reuter.

Defence Warning To Norway

Oslo, February 17.
Norway's Service chiefs have uttered serious warnings against cuts in their estimates for 1949-50, it was disclosed in defence budget details published today.

The Service chiefs had proposed more than 300 million kroner (£10,450,000) plus an extraordinary preparedness grant of 75 million kroner, it appears from today's figures. But, as published earlier, the total defence budget has been set at 250 million kroner.

FASTER AND BETTER JETS

London, February 17.
Britain's leading jet fighter plane, the 800 kilometres an hour Vampire, will soon be appearing in faster, higher climbing forms.

The big forces of eight countries, including France, Sweden, Norway and Switzerland, have already been equipped with Vampires. A spokesman for the De Havilland Aircraft and Engine Companies, the builders, said today: "New engines and aerodynamic changes in the Vampire will produce new forms of the plane before long."

"They will keep it well within the first line of fighter aircraft with no possibility of its being outclassed in the immediate future."—Reuter.

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NO CHANGE IN POLICY ON JAPAN

Washington, February 18.
President Truman today backed up statements by his Secretaries of State and Army by saying there has been no change whatever in U.S. policy regarding the occupation of Japan.

Mr. Truman told a news conference that he accepted Secretary Kenneth Royall's version of his controversial off-the-record conference with Tokyo yesterday.

The President said that if he remembered correctly, Mr. Royall had categorically denied suggesting it might be advisable for the U.S. to evacuate Japan in event of hostilities.

The Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, also has denied that there is any change in American policy in Japan.

In reply to questions the President noted that it is not his controversy but Mr. Royall's and that Mr. Royall had made his own statement.

It was then that a reporter wanted to know whether there are circumstances under which the U.S. will withdraw from Japan as a matter of strategy.

Mr. Truman said he had no comment on that other than to say that the policy of the American Government is unchanged.

Mr. Royall had said the U.S. does not intend to abandon Japan to Russia in case war should come.—Associated Press.

Gottwald Talks With The Church

Prague, February 18.
High level talks between Government and Roman Catholic Church leaders began here yesterday.

All questions which have arisen between the Central Committee of the National Front (Government coalition) and the Catholic Church are being considered.

The Communist President, Klement Gottwald, himself conferred several weeks ago with Catholic leaders. Since that meeting press and radio attacks on the Catholic Church hierarchy have diminished. Mr. Gottwald's position has been that religious faith should not be released against the State.

The hierarchy was accused of shielding priests charged or convicted of anti-State activity.—Associated Press.

Chonju Incident

At the height of the strikes, garrison forces dynamited a section of the line near Shanghai's Western suburb of Chonju to halt "strikers' special" trains. The dynamite was placed at stations along the route to press the labour union's wage demands.

It was the first time that the regular army has been called out to aid in checking the strikes, but it did not have the desired effect.

When the troops threatened to shoot if the workers insisted on continuing, a group of strikers calmly placed themselves in front of the engine to act as a shield.

Officials here intervened and negotiations led to a settlement.—Reuter.

Arms Ring Smashed In Vienna

Vienna, February 18.
Arms being trafficked by the smuggling ring smashed in Vienna this week were destined for Egypt, Syria and the Arab armies in Palestine, the Communist newspaper Volkstimme alleged today.

It asserted that the weapons were being assembled in Austria and Italy from "warlike" parts kept in Vienna. The British-owned Westpress said some of the arms had been brought from Hungary to Vienna, whence they were to be sent to unknown destinations.

Informed American circles said the arms dealers were prepared to sell to anyone who had dollars to pay for their purchases.

The arrest of five Austrians and two Hungarians was announced on Monday.

Two of the Austrians, both women, were arrested by the Russian authorities who confiscated large quantities of un-assembled rifles and machine guns.

The others, arrested by the United States authorities, were accused of offering rifles, sub-machine guns and other weapons for sale.—Reuter.

WHEAT TALKS A FAILURE

Washington, February 17.
The success of the second International Wheat Conference is expected here within a few days. The sub-committee representing the big importing and exporting nations, four there is little hope of reaching an agreement on the wheat market.

The sub-committee talks will continue at least until the end of this week in the hope that some final compromise may be reached.—Reuter.

Russia Hasn't Yet Got Atomic Bombs

Washington, February 17.
The military has intelligence today that Russia still possesses no atomic bombs, according to an Army general. In an article on industrial vulnerability to bombing, Major General Robinson of Army Engineers disclosed: "The best intelligence indicates that our major potential enemy does not now have atomic bombs."

COLONIAL OFFICE SNUB FOR WEST INDIAN LEADERS

London, February 17.
Two West Indian labour leaders who asked for an immediate interview with the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, today to defend Lord Baldwin, Governor of the Leeward Islands, came away disappointed.

The Colonial Office told them that their request will be forwarded through the normal channels.

Lord Baldwin, who landed in Britain last Saturday, is having his third meeting with the Colonial Secretary today. Mr. Creech Jones recently denied suggestions that Lord Baldwin had been recalled because of a frank and open speech he had made.

The two labour leaders, Mr. V.C. Bird, President of the Antigua, Trades and Labour Union, and Mr. Robert Bradshaw, President of the St. Kitts Labour Union, arrived here yesterday officially to help in the writing of the report of the Goulbury Commission on the West Indies sugar industry.

They left the Colonial Office hoping for an early chance of presenting the case for the sugar industry to the Governor. Lord Baldwin, who expects to see the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, shortly, has said he does not know when he will be returning to the Leeward Islands.

"Just Chaos"
Mr. Bird told a reporter today: "If Lord Baldwin is not so he returned as Governor, the people will be greatly disappointed and will really lose confidence."

HOW MANY WOMEN IN A SHOW?

Paris, February 17.
The question of how many women make the difference between a music hall show and an opera was gravely discussed in a Paris court today.

The parties in the case are the A.B.C. Theatre and the French Inland Revenue authorities.

A show called the "Laughter Revue," staged at the A.B.C. last year, was taxed at more than a 1,000,000 francs as a music hall show.

The theatre contended today that it was really an opera which would cut the tax by half, as operettas are in a different tax category.

The Inland Revenue said one piece in the "Laughter Revue" showed a naked woman posing and the production was therefore a music hall show.

The theatre lawyers retorted that the well-known French operetta "Le Roi Pausole" has a scene featuring eight naked women yet nobody disputed that this is an operetta.—Reuter.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR HONG KONG?

The photo shows the headquarters of St. John Ambulance Brigade, Tai Hang Road, Causeway Bay.

Truman Says Word For New Pact

Washington, February 17.
President Truman today reaffirmed his faith in the proposed North Atlantic security pact and said that he still adheres to the views about the pact set out in his inaugural message on January 20.

Mr. Truman told his weekly press conference that there is nothing mysterious about the Atlantic Pact and that the United States policy had been clearly expressed by the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, yesterday.

The President is understood to have selected a passage in his inaugural message in which he said that the best deterrent to aggression is to make sure that effective counter-measures will be taken immediately against violators of the pact.

President Truman made it clear today that he still thinks the United States, with the other North Atlantic powers, can (in the words of his inaugural address) provide unmistakable proof of the joint determination of the free countries to resist an armed attack from any quarter.

Mr. Truman said Mr. Acheson had issued yesterday's statement after consultations with him.

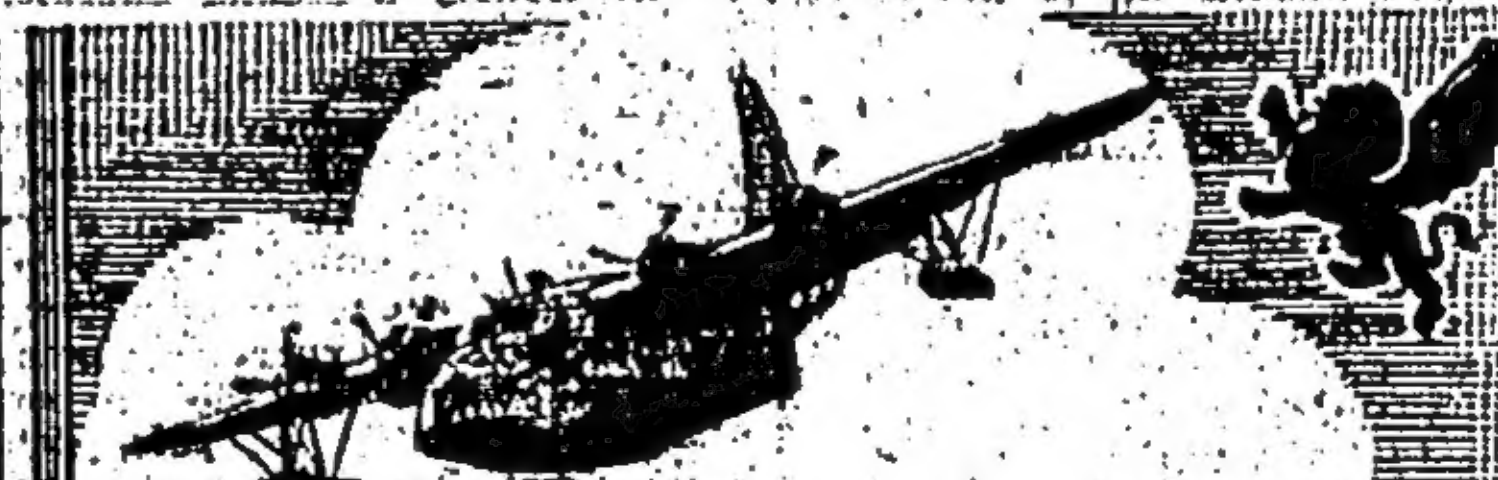
This was the prepared statement in which the Secretary of State said that there are no real differences in regard to the objectives which the U.S. Government is seeking to accomplish through the North Atlantic Pact.

UN Planes Shot At

Haiti, February 18.
Two United Nations Dakota aircraft, searching unsuccessfully for the United Nations Council plane which disappeared on Monday between Beirut and Amman, were shot at before they returned to their base.

United Nations officials said they today.

Earlier, it was reported that one of the Dakotas is still missing. United Nations officials said the Council plane which disappeared on Monday between Beirut and Amman, were shot at before they returned to their base.



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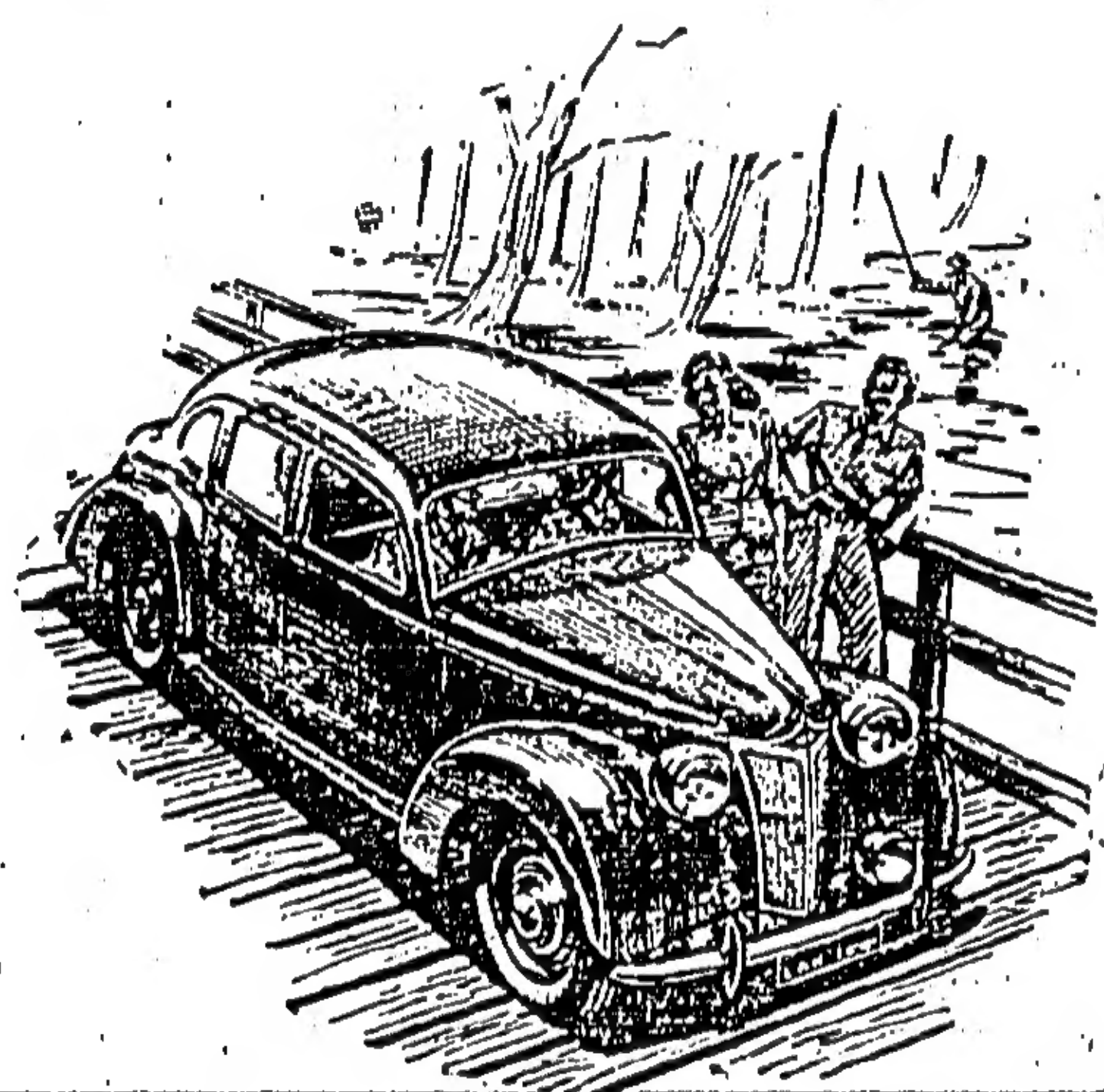
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MOTERING NEWS AND VIEWS SOME NEW BRITISH CARS

New Morris Minor's Many Good Points

(By Our Motoring Editor)

If, a week ago, someone had said to me that he had a car which would do 52 miles to the gallon I would have thought him to be either a motor-car salesman or a congenial idiot.

On Thursday last, however, after witnessing the determinedly honest draining of a petrol tank and the measuring of two gallons into it again, I had it proved beyond doubt that the new Morris Minor (eight horsepower) can do such a mileage.

It was under the auspices of Mr. L. A. Benn, Service Manager of Dodwell's, that the test was carried out, and the scene was the New Territories circuit. For the record: Mr. Benn made a creditable show of not being surprised when the result was worked out.

It must be pointed out that Thursday's test was not an overall workout. It was simply the equivalent of a normal Sunday afternoon drive. An average speed of 30 mph was maintained over the 50 mile circuit and seldom was 40 mph exceeded.

In their sales patter about the Morris Minor Dodwell's are being fairly modest. They are claiming 40 mpg for the car on the mainland and 35 mpg on the island.

Apart from the petrol consumption the Minor has many points of worth. In order of importance to the average buyer they appear to be: internal comfort—plenty of legroom and firmly cushioned seats (bucket-type in front); extreme efficiency in the springing department, giving what must be the most bounciest riding qualities so far achieved with an eight horsepower car; remarkable road-holding ability coupled with light steering.

Gear Change

For the owner with a mechanical bent the engine is rather more accessible than one's cigarette case. A flick of the switch from inside the car and the whole bonnet may be lifted from the front to disclose everything within easy reach, including a 12 volt battery in place of the old six.

The gear change of the Minor is not on the steering column but is the conventional lever projecting from the floor in the expected place.

A fairly capacious boot extends from the back of the body and is handle accessible from within by virtue of the hinges of the rear seat's back. This comes forward to rest on the seat itself and provides, if required, an extension of the boot into the car. Not, of course, if Aunt Nelly is firmly in position for her weekly outing.

Good Looks

All the essential gadgets are present, including two wind-screen-wipers with a sensibly large sweep, traffic indicators which unfortunately do not return to base unaided, and flush door-handles on the outside.

There are only two doors on the Minor, but, owing to a double-clipping arrangement on the front passenger's seat, there is singularly little difficulty in entering or leaving the back seat.

In general appearance the Minor is very much like its big brother, the Oxford, with smooth sweeping lines. Its smallness gives it a faintly bug-like aspect which does not, however, spoil its good looks.

OVER-EATING

San Diego, California—Over-eating motorists are giving local life guards trouble.

Lieutenant Fred Crowther, of the Mission Beach guard, says several of the large birds have made forced landings on busy highways, resulting in traffic jams. He has instructed his men to watch for them, give them a dose of castor oil and put them back in the water.

Rockets To Carry Cables

Australian engineers at Lithgow, New South Wales, are using rockets with speeds of 200 miles an hour to carry high tension power cables across deep ravines in mountainous country, through which they are running new power lines.

The London Fire Brigade has used these rockets to pass hoses to firemen on roofs of burning buildings. They are accurate up to 600 yards, and were originally designed for sea rescue work.

In Australia the rocket expert of Amalgamated Wireless (Australia) Ltd., Mr. N. H. Quindlen, fired the first cable-carrying rocket over the State Mine Gully at Lithgow. Feeder lines attached to it enabled the power cables to be carried from the power station at the mine to poles 1000 ft up the gully.

Conflict Under The Bonnet

Car engines have remained unchanged in their fundamentals for such a long time that most motorists were inclined to accept the notion that piston and valve design had reached an optimum from which it was hardly worth while advancing.

It is therefore invigorating to find that the latest car show signs of conflict under the bonnet. The struggle for "pint-sized" power in British cars having thankfully ceased as a result of the removal of the h.p. tax, the method of obtaining the ample power of post-war engines has come under review, and on the following pages a contributor shows that more than one method is employed.

The resulting unit, however, falls generally into one of two categories: engines which possess a high specific output in spite of the extra petrol and "waste" surplus economy, and those which employ a greater capacity, low specific output, but maximum torque at low engine speed.

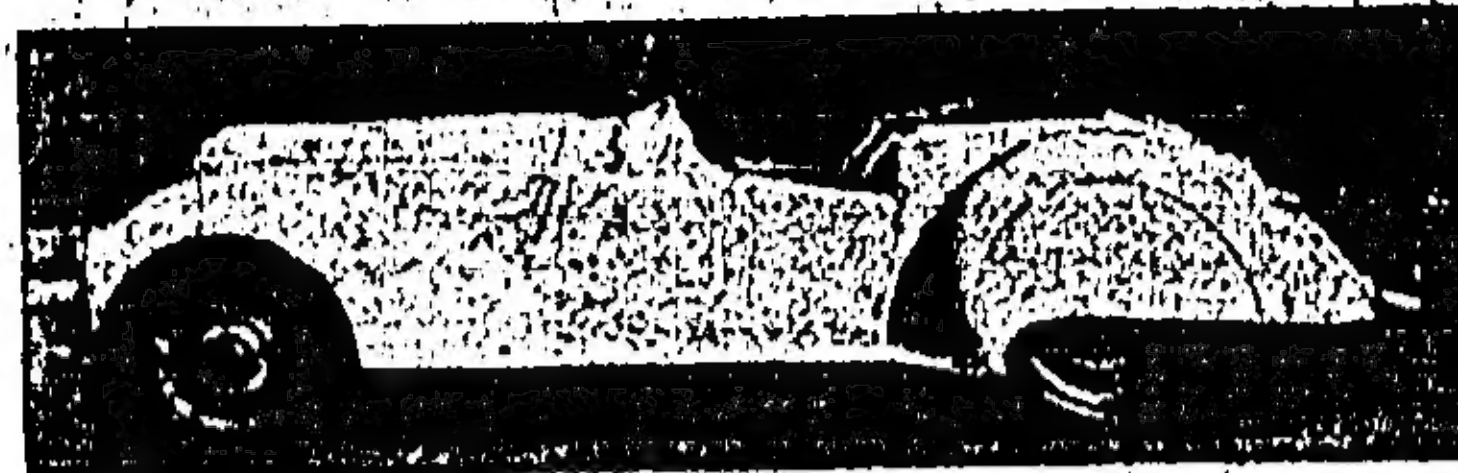
The British public's reaction to the new designs and the service they offer over high mileages is, unfortunately, being delayed by economic conditions, extensive road experience being enjoyed only in the export markets. Because of this, data will take some time to accumulate. In the meantime, however, it is good to see that engine evolution is continuing and it is particularly stimulating to find that it has taken a step forward since the war in two quite different directions.

SAFETY GLASS

How able is the supervision of the British Standards Institution was stressed by Sir Graham Cunningham at the annual general meeting of the Triplex Safety Glass Co., Ltd., held recently. Sir Graham said that use of a British Standards mark, detailed a visit from experts every six months, with all measures taken to comply with the standard and to check. In addition, the Institution obtains pieces of glass independently, and tests them.

WARE CHILDREN

Small children frequently play round parked cars. Before driving off make sure that a three-year-old is not under your front wheel. Many accidents happen in this manner, and the Boy's Society for Motor Prevention of Accidents makes a special appeal to car drivers to be on their guard against them.



THE LEA-FRANCIS

Below is a further list of the fine new cars Britain is putting on the world market.

LAGONDA

The Lagonda is of advanced design with a 2½-litre six-cylinder twin overhead-camshaft engine developing 105 b.h.p. at 5,000 r.p.m. The chassis has independent suspension by coil springs in front and independent suspension of the rear wheels by torsion bars. The wheelbase is 113½ in., the ground clearance 7 in., the turning circle 39 ft., and the saloon model weighs 39½ cwt., with a drophead coupe body the car weighs 30 cwt.

LANCHESTER

The Lanchester "Ten" is a small saloon of high quality with a four-cylinder engine developing 40 b.h.p. Being made by the Daimler group it has an epicyclic gearbox with pre-selector control and the transmission incorporates a fluid coupling. The chassis has independent front suspension with coil springs. The car is priced in England at £725.

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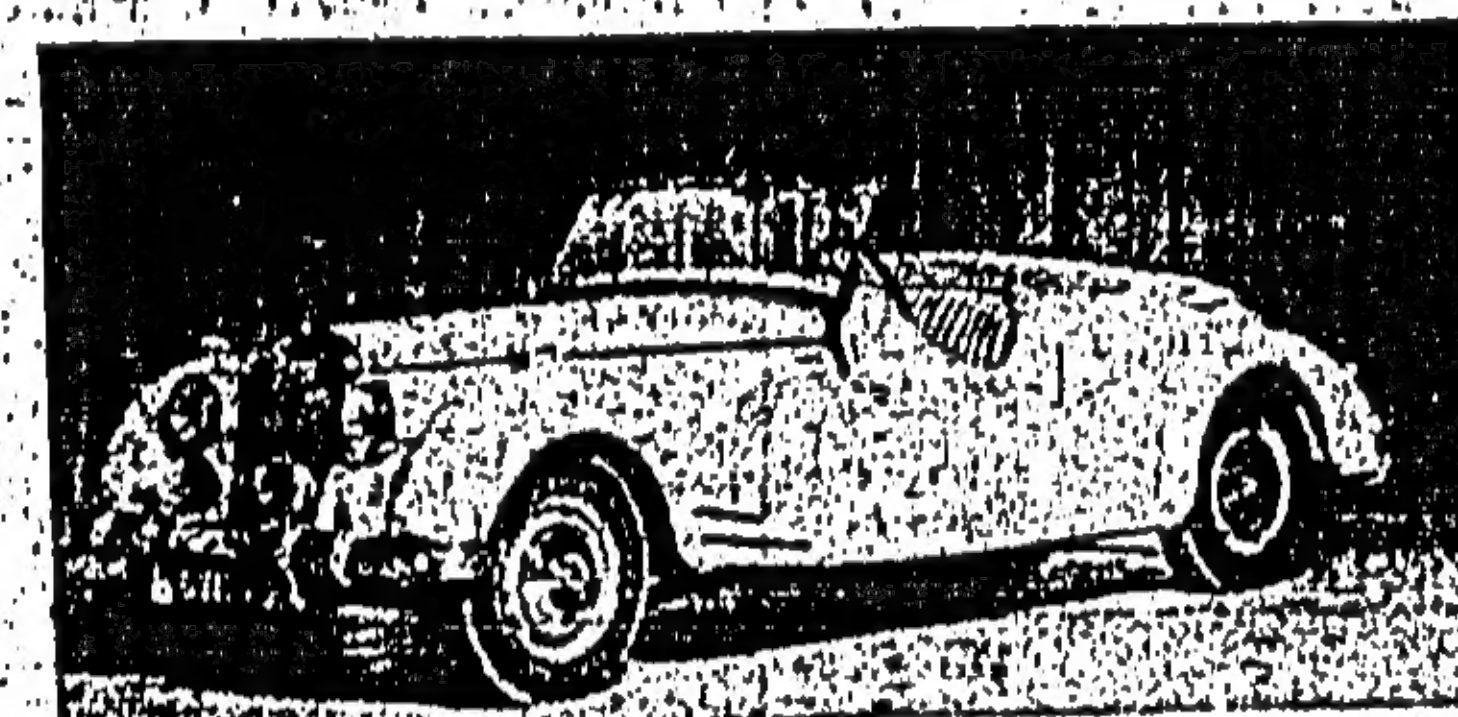
A new model of the 14 h.p. Lea-Francis, with a six-light saloon body and independent front suspension by torsion bars, has been introduced for export only. The existing four-light saloons, and the open two-seater sports model

floor level to be kept low. The unit construction of body and chassis on all models has resulted in an excellent ratio of power and weight—for example, the Morris "Oxford" develops 41 b.h.p. and weighs 20½ cwt., while the Morris "Minor" develops 20 b.h.p. and weighs 16½ cwt.

RILEY

The Riley 2½-litre and 1½-litre models are continued unchanged except for minor details. The 2½-litre engine now develops 100 b.h.p. at 4,500 r.p.m., and the latest model is fitted with Gliding hydro-mechanical brakes with two leading shoes on the front wheels.

In addition to the saloon a new three-seater open sports car has been produced on the 2½-litre chassis for export only. This model has a bench type front seat and a steering-column gear change. The brakes of the 1½-litre have also been improved, and both models have a lower floor level, bonnet fasteners released from inside the car, and a narrower gearbox tunnel. A ventilator and heater are available as extra accessories, and the saloon models now have folding arm-rests on the back seats. The leading dimensions of the cars are as follows: 1½-litre: wheelbase 112½ in., ground clearance 7½ in., turning circle 30 ft., weight 24½ cwt.; 2½-litre: wheelbase 115 in.,



RILEY 2½-LITRE

have half-elliptic front springs, and the sports model can be obtained with a 2½-litre engine if required. The four-cylinder 1,787 cc. engine develops 65 b.h.p. (standard) and 84 b.h.p. (sports), and the 1½-litre engine develops 64 b.h.p. Leading dimensions of the chassis are: wheelbase 99 in. or 111 in., ground clearance 7 in. to 7½ in., turning circle 35 ft. to 37 ft., and 'unladen' weight 19½ cwt. to 25 cwt., according to the body fitted.

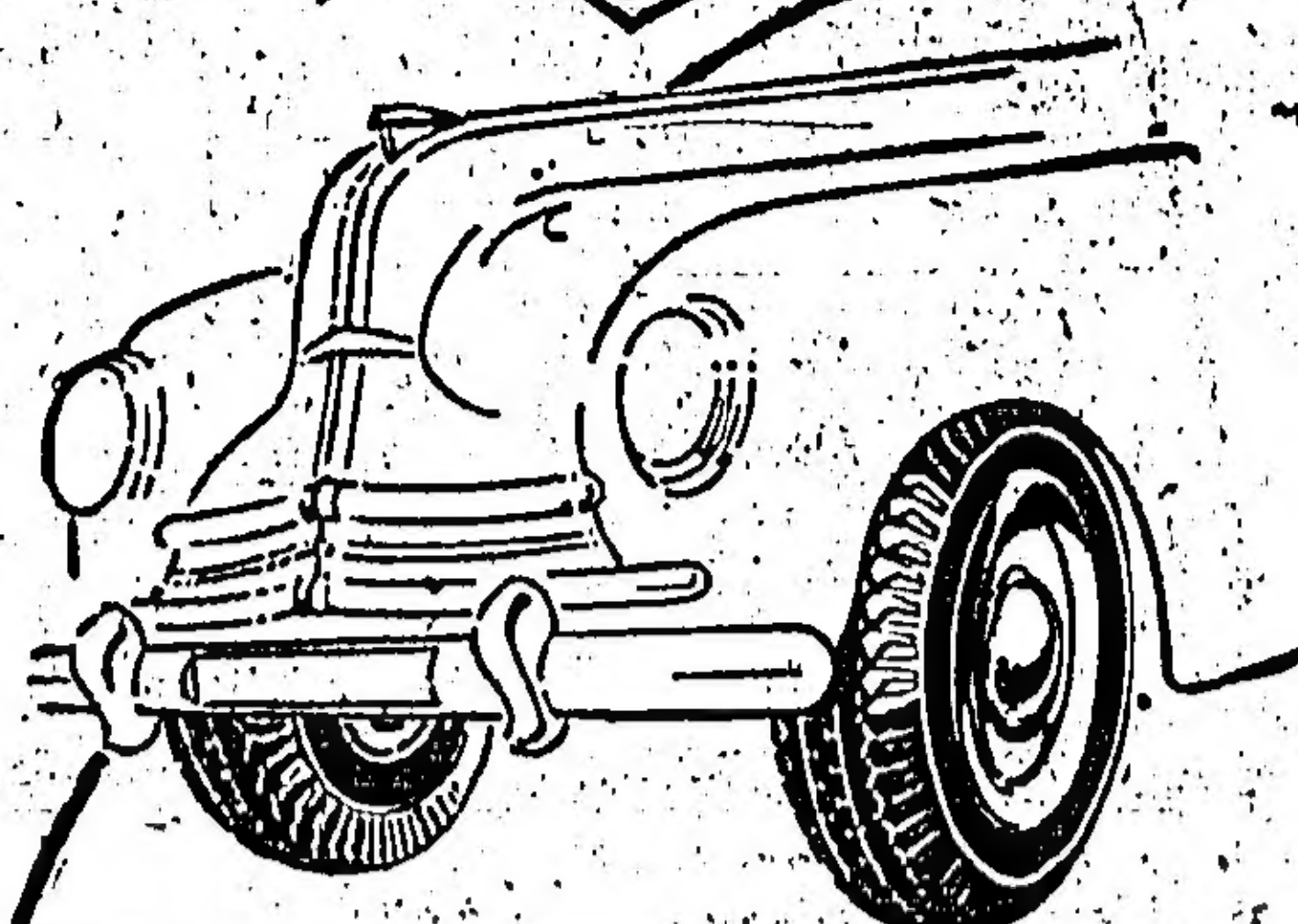
M.G.

Both M.G. models have a four-cylinder engine of 1,250 c.c. In the "Midget" this engine develops 54.4 b.h.p. at 5,200 r.p.m., while in the 1½-litre saloon it develops 49 b.h.p. at 4,800 r.p.m. The "Midget" has half-elliptic springs all round, but the 1½-litre model has independent front suspension with coil springs. The steering of the "Midget" is by cam and lever and on the 1½-litre model by rack and pinion. The "Midget" has a wheelbase of 94 in., the ground clearance is 6 in., the turning circle 37 ft., and the unladen weight 16½ cwt. The 1½-litre saloon is a bigger car, for its wheelbase is 99 in., its ground clearance 8 in., its turning circle 35 ft., and its unladen weight 19 cwt. The "Midget" costs £419 10s. and the 1½-litre saloon £525. A new open four-seater on the 1½-litre chassis has been added to the range for export only.

MORRIS

The latest Morris cars are completely new designs incorporating many interesting features. The "Minor" is a most attractive little car with an exceptional amount of body space for its size. It has a four-cylinder, side-valve engine of 918 c.c. developing 20 b.h.p., a four-speed gearbox, a monoplane construction of the chassis and body, independent front suspension by torsion bars, and rack-and-pinion steering. The Morris "Oxford" is a family saloon with modern lines and a bench type front seat. The four-cylinder side-valve engine has a capacity of 1,476 c.c. and develops 41 b.h.p. at 5,000 r.p.m. The four-speed gearbox is operated by a lever on the steering column. This model, too, has unit construction of body and chassis, independent front suspension with torsion bars, and rack-and-pinion steering. The biggest Morris has a six-cylinder engine of 2,623 c.c. with a capacity of 1,476 c.c. and develops 61 b.h.p. at 5,000 r.p.m. The four-speed gearbox is operated by a lever on the steering column. This model, too, has unit construction of body and chassis, independent front suspension with torsion bars, and rack-and-pinion steering. The biggest Morris has a six-cylinder engine of 2,623 c.c. with a capacity of 1,476 c.c. and develops 61 b.h.p. at 5,000 r.p.m. The four-speed gearbox is operated by a lever on the steering column. This model, too, has unit construction of body and chassis, independent front suspension with torsion bars, and rack-and-pinion steering.

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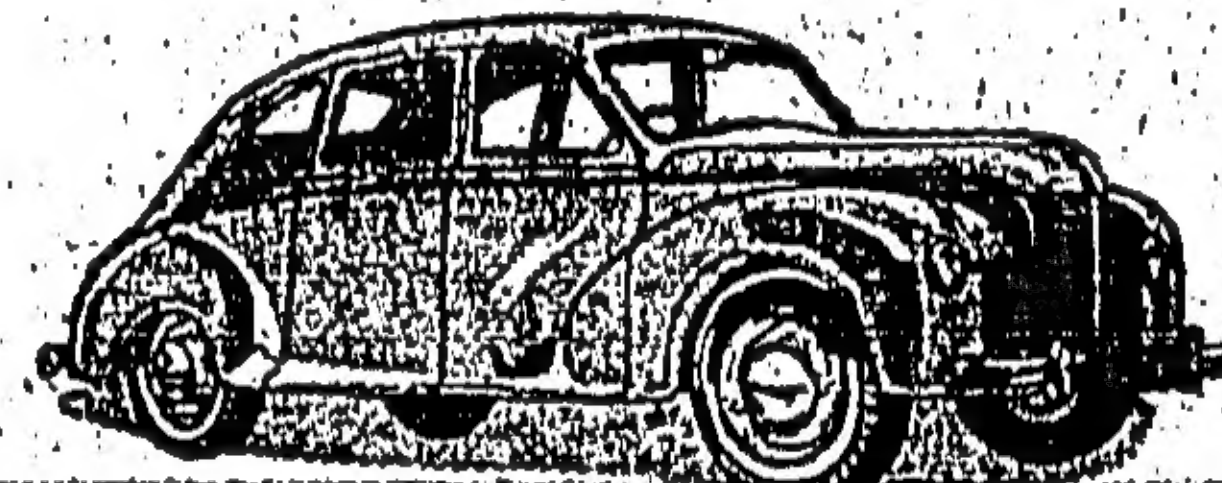
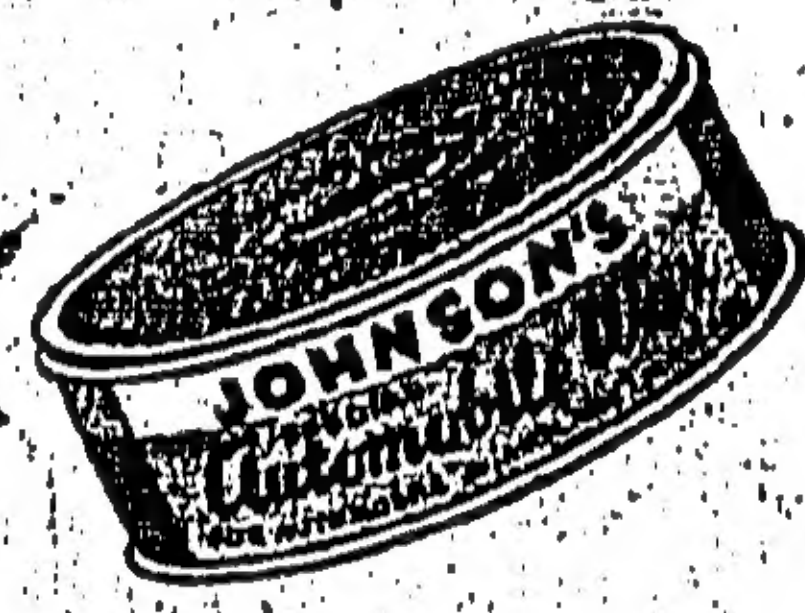
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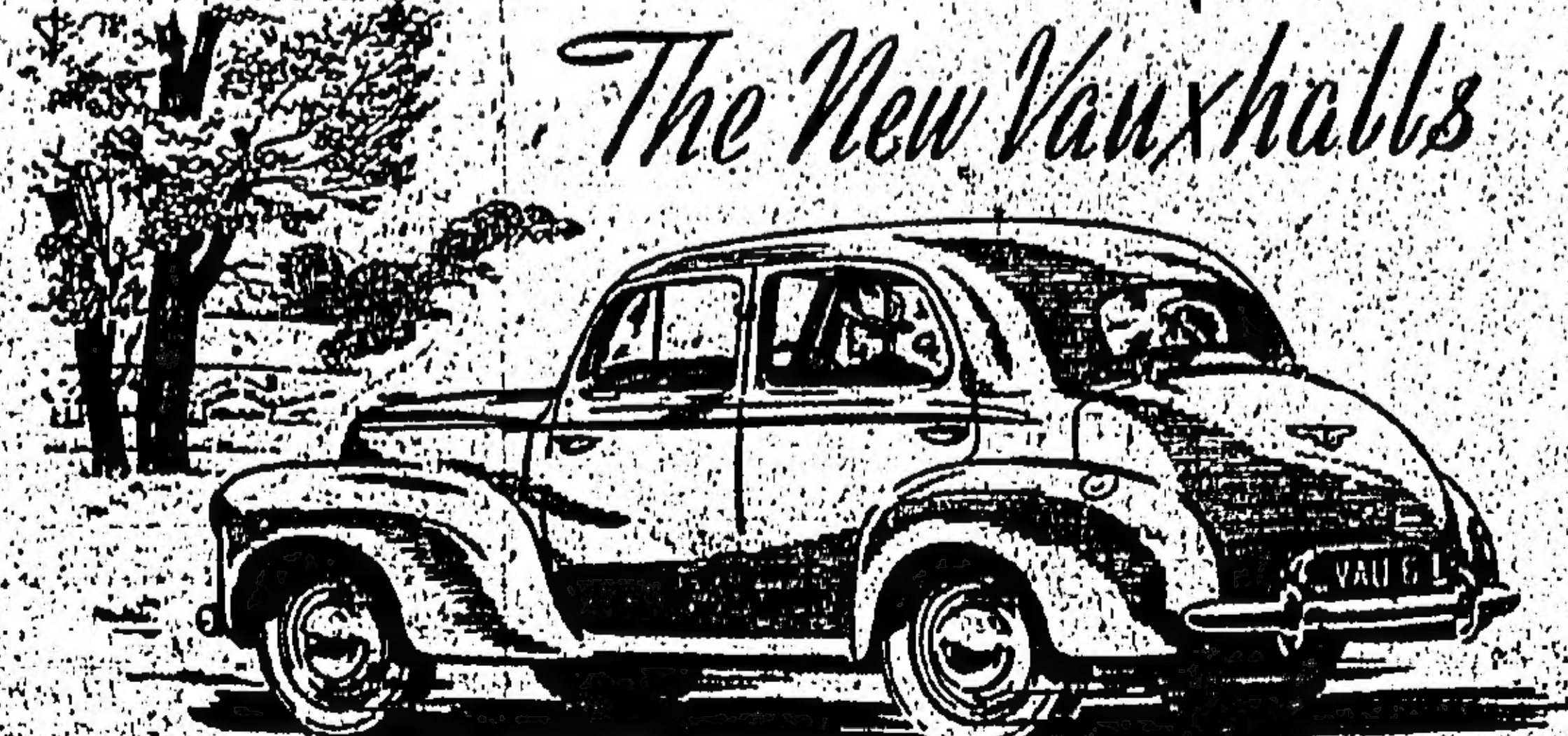
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AUTONOMY FOR SLOVENES IN SOUTHERN AUSTRIA?

INQUIRY INTO RACE RIOTING

Durban, February 17. The South African inquiry into the Durban race riots between Africans and Indians opened here today.

Dr. G. S. Lowen, appearing jointly for the South African Indian Congress and the African National Congress, alleged that the clashes were due to incitement by Europeans.

Other causes, he alleged, were slum conditions; speeches by Ministers, racial antagonism and hatred propagated by the press and present South African Government.

Dr. Lowen submitted that the root causes of the riots could only be brought out by cross-examination of witnesses and appealed to the Inquiry Commission to allow this.

The Chairman, Mr. Justice Pivan Der Heever, refused the application and then granted an adjournment until tomorrow to enable Dr. Lowen to consult his clients.—Reuter.

Concert Pianist's Expulsion

Washington, February 17. The German pianist, Walter Gieseking, left the United States last month after a special board of enquiry found his presence would be prejudicial to the best interests of the United States, the Justice Department announced here.

At the time of his departure lawyers for the Department and Gieseking said that the pianist was leaving voluntarily.

He had cancelled a series of concerts after pickets had surrounded Carnegie Hall where he was to have played.

Gieseking had acknowledged that he had played in Germany throughout the war but denied he was ever a Nazi.

The Department said it had not made a previous announcement of the special board's enquiry because evidence presented by the immigration officials involved national security.

Gieseking agreed to leave without a hearing but formal proceedings were held so that he would know what his rights were.—Reuter.

NOTHING IN IT

Washington, February 18. A State Department spokesman today said there is absolutely nothing in Departmental files to indicate that Russia warned the Department in a 60-day period prior to Pearl Harbor of the impending Japanese attack.

Stories published locally and New York said Russia learned in early October, 1941, that the Japanese had decided to attack and the Kremlin had warned the State Department. The story said that Army censors had deleted this reference to Russia's warning from the Sorge spy report.—United Press.

PNOMPENH CRASH

Saigon, February 18. M. Lucien Loubet, French Interim Commissioner in Cambodia, was injured when a private aircraft crashed at Pnompenh today.

He was taken to hospital, where it is stated that his life is not in danger.—Reuter.

Malaya Situation Still Serious

Singapore, February 17. The situation in Malaya is still serious and requires a far more determined stand by the population, Sir Henry Gurney, the High Commissioner, said today.

He told the Federal Legislative Council at Kuala Lumpur that he has represented to the British Government the necessity for a substantial contribution towards the cost of the Federal Government's security and defence requirements.

The emergency is costing \$13,000,000 daily. This tragic expense to the taxpayer cannot be allowed to drag on for two years or any similar period, he said in a reference to a recent report by the British Government that the situation in Malaya is still serious.

Sir Henry said that the population in October and

Compromise Suggested At Big Four Treaty Talks

London, February 18.

Western diplomats are studying the possibility of establishing an autonomous province of Slovenes in Southern Austria.

An informed source—a Western diplomat in close touch with the Big Four talks—said this in Paris today.

He added that a compromise has been suggested as a way to end the deadlock in the Austrian independence treaty talks.

Yugoslavia's demand for a piece of Slovene-populated Southern Austria has been the main stumbling block to agreement on a treaty by the Big Four Deputy Foreign Ministers.

Russia has supported the demand and the West opposed it. The source said that the Austrian Cabinet is also considering the compromise autonomy scheme. The Austrian Foreign Minister, Karl Gruber, returned on Wednesday to Vienna after private talks with the four deputies.

British and American officials express cautious hope that a treaty agreement may soon be reached for Austria. Details of the deputies' back stage talks with Gruber and with the Yugoslav Deputy, Aleks Bebler, remain a secret, however.

It is clear, though, that the Western diplomats are hoping for some kind of direct Austro-Yugoslav agreement to solve the problem. The sources said that Yugoslavia might give up her territorial claims in return for a scheme to protect Austria's Slovene population.

Yugoslav Demand

Yugoslavia has demanded cessation of an 800 square mile area in the Austrian provinces of Carinthia and Styria. An estimated 166,000 people, most of them of Slovene descent, live in the disputed territory.

An American official said that America will support any reasonable proposal to safeguard the Slovene population.

No specific proposal has been presented by Bebler in his private talks with American, British and French Deputies. Bebler made it clear that Yugoslavia is willing to compromise on its claims in order to reach an agreement.

Bebler is expected to appear formally at a session of the Deputy Foreign Ministers next week, when he will represent Yugoslavia with a revised stand. Gruber is expected to return from Vienna to give the Austrian Government's reaction to compromise proposals.

No concrete proposal for an autonomous Slovene province was hammered out in preliminary talks but various schemes are under review.

Soviet Adament

An American source said that the Western powers are still firmly opposed to giving Yugoslavia any Austrian territory or the \$150,000,000 in reparations that Yugoslavia demands. Other economic concessions may be made, added the source.

Meanwhile Soviet Russia today told the Foreign Ministers' deputies that she has no further concessions to offer in her demand for \$150 million compensation for relinquishing claims to German assets.

She demands that Austria pay the lump sum in freely convertible currency over a period of six years. The British, French and United States deputies have agreed to \$100 million—partly in currency and partly in goods—spread over seven years.

Above this the Western deputies have agreed that Russia should receive Austrian assets in Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria, estimated at \$15 million.

November of last year was paying \$72,500,000 protection money monthly to terrorists. These payments are now greatly reduced. Sympathy for the terrorists is decreasing and the rate of repatriation of terrorist supporters rapidly increasing, he added.

In the last quarter of 1948, 468 persons were banished or repatriated, he said. The figure for January and February of this year would be 1,383.

We shall not succeed in detaching the bandits unless the army actively co-operates, he said. The only alternative to the army is the police.

Sir Henry said that the population in October and

The Soviet delegate, M. George Zarubin, said today that he had already made a concession in reducing his original demand for \$200 million. The three Western deputies agreed that any addition to their existing figure depends on the following factors:

1. A settlement of the oil and shipping paragraphs in the draft treaty and other economic clauses.
2. Method of payment.
3. Proof that such a sum is within Austria's capacity.
4. Conditions under which assets to which Russia is renouncing her claim are to be handed back.

—Associated Press and Reuter.

Mediterranean Defence Pact?

Paris, February 17.

Turkey contemplates the possibility of extending and completing the Western pact by an agreement in the Mediterranean, the Turkish Foreign Minister, Neftcioglu, said today.

He said: "This agreement would take place later at an opportune moment."

"The proposed Atlantic Pact is a system of security destined for a geographical region, strictly limited in the thoughts of those who prepared it. There is no reason therefore why Turkey should take part in it."

"Peace in Europe cannot be preserved strictly in one part of the continent. For us, European peace is one and indivisible."—Reuter.

RUSSIANS SPRING A SURPRISE

Lake Success, February 17.

The Soviet Union in a surprise move today told the Security Council that it approves the nomination of Colonel Herman Flueckiger, former Swiss Minister in Moscow, as candidate for the Governorship of Trieste.

Britain originally proposed Colonel Flueckiger for the post but at that time Russia rejected him.

Mr. Jacob Malik made his unexpected announcement today after a speech in which he accused the United States and Britain of deliberately deadlocking on the choice of a Governor.

On their reasons for holding up the appointment of a Governor are to continue indefinitely the occupation of Trieste by Anglo-American troops, he said.

Mr. Warren Austin, the United States delegate, countered that the Yugoslav Zone of Trieste has been completely transformed in character and virtually incorporated into the Yugoslav police state so as to make an independent and democratic status for the Territory impossible.

Last March, the United States, Britain and France had proposed to Russia to revise the Italian peace treaty and hand back Trieste to Italy, Mr. Austin said.

"In view of this situation it is our opinion that a discussion in the Security Council of the Government of Trieste would not serve any constructive purpose pending settlement of the question through diplomatic negotiations with the other powers concerned."—Reuter.

Espionage Trials In Germany

Munich, February 17.

A 31-year-old Czech, Frantisek Klecka, was today sentenced to 20 years' hard labour for espionage against the United States in the first of five secret trials of alleged members of a Czech spy ring in the American Zone of Germany.

After the sentence, a usually reliable source said Klecka was formerly a steward on the Orient Express running between Paris and Prague and has a wife still living in Czechoslovakia.

All testimony and evidence in the case were kept secret. The court allowed reporters into the court room only to hear sentence pronounced.

The defendant was deeply affected by the sentence and cried out in German: "I am innocent. Believe me, I am innocent," when he walked over to four military policemen to be handcuffed.

Klecka's attorneys, an American, officer and a civilian, said they will appeal against the sentence.

The Klecka proceedings began yesterday before an eight-man Military Commission.

The chairman of the Commission, Brigadier General John McKee, said today that while the evidence in the Klecka case and one other trial will be kept secret, the findings and verdicts in all five will be made public in open court.

The second of the cases will be against a Malaya with two Polish and a German as defendants.

Australian Project

Canberra, February 17.

Australia plans to recruit technicians with experience of the Tennessee Valley Authority's work and similar projects in the United States to help on the huge Snowy River Irrigation and defence industries scheme.

Technicians will also be sought in Britain, while it is proposed to find labour for tunnelling and heavy construction work on dams in the Snowy Mountains.

The Snowy River project involves the damming of three rivers in the Australian Alps, will provide water power for a system of power stations South of Canberra.

They will feed huge aluminium smelter factories below the dams. It is expected that it will take a matter of a century to complete the work.—Reuter.

SMALL CHANCE OF CO-OPERATION IN SCANDINAVIA

Oslo, February 17.

The three Scandinavian Premiers, together with the Norwegian Foreign Minister, Halvard Lange, had a long conference in Oslo today. The Swedish and Danish Premiers, M. Tage Erlander and M. Hans Hedtoft, are guests at a Labour Party Congress in Oslo.

M. Hedtoft is reported to have pressed urgently the case for Scandinavian co-operation. But differences of opinion between the Norwegian and Swedish Premiers are so great that an approach is impossible.

The Norwegian Premier, Einar Gerhardsen, today officially denied reports in the Danish paper "Politiken" that there will be further Scandinavian negotiations before Norway takes a final decision regarding the proposed Atlantic Pact.

He added: "It is reasonable, however, that we inform other Scandinavians of our decision before announcing it."

Political circles in Oslo consider it almost certain that Norway will join the projected Atlantic Pact. But it is unlikely that any announcement of her willingness to take part in Atlantic Pact negotiations will be made in less than about a fortnight.

"Decisive"

Premier Gerhardsen said in his opening address to the Labour Party Congress today that the conference's resolution on foreign policy is likely to have decisive significance for Norway's position in the coming years.

He hoped that delegates are aware of their responsibility.

Apart from the Communists, the only opposition to the Government's "Westward" policy is to be found in the Labour Party itself.

This opposition is not regarded as numerically strong. In view of the fact that elections are due in October it is expected that the Party will maintain unity and support the Government.—Reuter.

SIDNEY STANLEY'S FUTURE

London, February 17.

The Home Secretary, Mr. James Chuter Ede, told Parliament today that he will not approach the Israeli Government to admit Mr. Sidney Stanley, key figure in the Lynskey Corruption Tribunal, until he knows whether Poland will accept him.

Mr. Chuter Ede said Mr. Stanley was originally described at the Tribunal hearings as a Pole and he is trying to deport him to Poland.

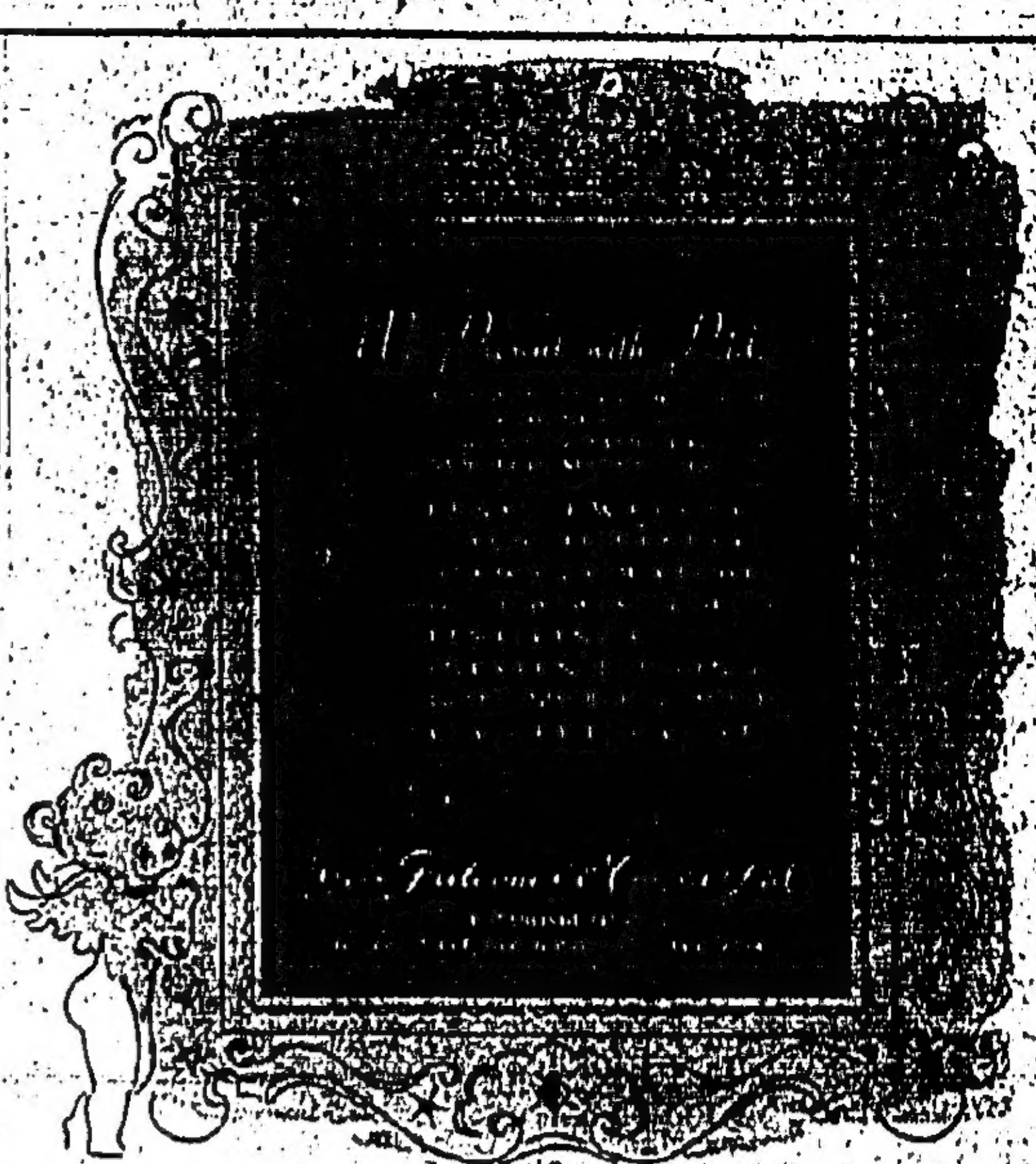
Mr. Will Nally, Labour, said he hopes that the Minister, in any representations, will emphasise that British Jewish and Arab lives have been sacrificed for the principle that every Jew should have the right to enter Palestine.

"A painful impression will be created in Britain if the Israeli Government take the best and leave the parasites behind," he said.

Amid laughter, Mr. Geoffrey Nicholson, Conservative, asked if it is intended to be a compliment to Poland to offer them the first refusal.

More laughter greeted a remark by Mr. Commander A. V. Harvey, Conservative, that if Poland replies favourably, he hopes the Minister will ensure that Mr. Stanley is not sent to the Polish Embassy in London as a trade commissioner with diplomatic privileges.

Sir Walden Smithers, Conservative, was rebuked by the Speaker for facetiously suggesting that Mr. Stanley might be appointed Chancellor of the Exchequer pending his deportation.—Reuter.



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STEP NEARER 'NEW EUROPE'

Paris, February 17.

Leading statesman of the 19 Marshall aid countries today approved the setting up of a seven-power Ministerial Committee to streamline Western Europe's economic policy.

The Belgian Premier, M. Paul Henri Spaak, will be chairman of the new body, described by the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza, as a European Government.

The plan which was accepted today by the full Council of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation is described as giving the new body the same relation to the Council as a Government has to its Parliament.

It is proposed that the new Consultative Body comprise Britain, Belgium, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Sweden and Turkey.

The Council approved also a recommendation that it meet at a Ministerial level not less than four times a year.

Count Sforza told correspondents: "Our work proves our will to lead Europe towards economic unity. Although governments will retain their sovereignty, the newly formed body will be on a super-national level. We must substitute European interdependence for the national independence of European peoples in the past century."

Soviet Menace

Count Sforza predicted that within weeks the European economic unification just achieved will be paralleled by developments in the plan for a Council of Europe.

"With the OEEC and the projected Council of Europe, we can build a new Europe," he said. Referring to the sombre approach of the present and future Soviet policy, Count Sforza declared: "A great totalitarian State would like to use Germany as its Army. We, on the other hand, would like to convert Germany into a peace-loving power."

Mr. Spaak, the new chairman of the seven-power Ministerial Committee of the OEEC, said the Organisation is looking for a new name. He appealed to correspondents tonight for suggestions for a new name which would arouse a human response in the hearts of the people.—Reuter.

MENTAL HYGIENE IN ISRAEL

New York, February 18. A programme to help the State of Israel develop a complete mental hygiene scheme was launched here today by the American Advisory Committee of Mental Hygiene in Israel.

The Committee plans to send psychiatric teams to Israel, train Israeli personnel in the United States, and Israel in the setting up of screening centres and to supply material such as testin and therapeutic equipment.—Reuter.

CAIRO RAIDS

Cairo, February 18. Egyptian police today rounded up 90 people described as Communists and members of the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood in raids on 75 houses in Cairo. The raids followed the discovery of tracts being distributed in the streets.—Reuter.

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On the night before we left Moscow the American ambassador gave a reception for the visiting party. It was a stag affair and Russian guests were mainly individuals from the Foreign Office and the armed services. There were the usual toasts, followed by a supper, in the midst of which the ambassador received an urgent call to come to the Foreign Office at once. Suspecting that he might obtain news of a Japanese surrender, momentarily expected, Mr. Harriman asked me to do my best to hold all the guests until he returned. This proved to be quite a task because the ambassador was kept at the Foreign Office much longer than he had anticipated. However, by enlisting help from a number of American friends who devoted some toasts, some of them even set to the tunes of the orchestra, we managed to entertain the guests and keep the bulk of them until Mr. Harriman returned.

He walked to the middle of the room and announced the Japanese surrender, which brought a joyous shout of approval from all the Americans present. But I noted that old Marshal Budonny, who was standing at my side, did not seem to exhibit any great enthusiasm. I asked him whether he was not glad the war was over and he replied, "Oh yes, but we should have kept going until we had killed a lot more of those insolent Japanese." The marshal seemed to be a most congenial, humane, and hospitable type but at the same time he seemed to have no concern that even one day's continuance of war meant thousands of wounds for additional hundreds of Russian citizens.

During the war I had heard much of the magnificent defence of Leningrad in 1941 and 1942. I expressed a desire to visit that city briefly. In the siege of Leningrad 350,000 civilians, according to the Russian records, died of starvation. Many more were killed and wounded. These figures were constantly recited to our visiting party by civilian officials of Leningrad who joined the military commanders to act as our local hosts. The extraordinary suffering of the population and the length of time that the city endured the rigours and privations of the battle combined to make the operation one of the memorable

stages of history, certainly it is without parallel in modern times. All of us were struck by the fact that in speaking of Leningrad's losses every citizen did so with a tone of pride and satisfaction in his voice. The pride, of course, was understandable in view of the heroic endurance that had defeated the enemy at that vital point; but it was more difficult to grasp the reasons for satisfaction, even though it was explained to us that this city, by paying such a tremendous price, had proved itself "worthy of Mother Russia."

The mayor of the city had us for luncheon with a number of civil and military leaders of the region.

During the toasting period my son, who had heretofore escaped the ordeal, was called upon by Marshal Zhukov for a toast. Later John told me that during the entire visit he had been fearful of a challenge and had prepared himself for it as well as he could. He rose to his feet and after remarking that as a young lieutenant he was not accustomed to associate with marshals of the Soviet Union, mayors of great cities, and five-star generals, he said in effect: "I have been in Russia several days and have listened to many toasts. I have heard the virtues of every Allied ruler, every prominent marshal, general, admiral, and air commander. I have yet to hear a toast to the most important Russian in World War I. Gentlemen, will you please drink with me to the common soldier of the great Red Army."

His toast was greeted with greater enthusiasm and shouts of approval than any other I heard during the days when we heard particularly pleased and said to me that he and I must be getting old when we had to wait for a young lieutenant to remind us "who really won the war."

The return trip from Leningrad to Berlin became unpleasant when

the weather turned bad. During our flights through Russia our agreements required us to use a Russian navigator. Their navigators seemed quite skilful in orienting themselves by terrain features in the country-side, with which they were very familiar. Apparently, they were not so proficient in celestial navigation and would never give us authority to fly at a greater height than would permit them to see the ground. On this particular trip the ceiling dropped so low that finally we were skimming along at treetop level in our four-engine transport. This was too much for my pilot, Major Larry Hansen, who pretended for a moment that he could not understand the broken English of the Russian navigator, and quickly pulled the ship up to the top of the clouds. From then on we had a normal and easy flight to Berlin.

During our hours on the plane Marshal Zhukov and I frequently discussed the campaigns of the war. Because of his special position for several years in the Red Army he had had a longer experience as a responsible leader in great battles than any other man of our time. It seems that he was habitually sent to whatever Russian sector appeared at the moment to be the decisive one. By his descriptions of the composition of the Russian Army, of the terrain over which it fought, and of his reasons for his strategic decisions, it was clear that he was an accomplished soldier.

The marshal was astonished when I told him that each of our divisions, with its reinforcing battalions, was maintained at a strength of 17,000. He said that he tried to maintain his divisions at about 8,000, but that frequently, in a long campaign, some would be depleted to a strength of 3,000 to 4,000.

Highly illuminating to me was his description of the Russian method of attacking through mine fields. The German mine fields,

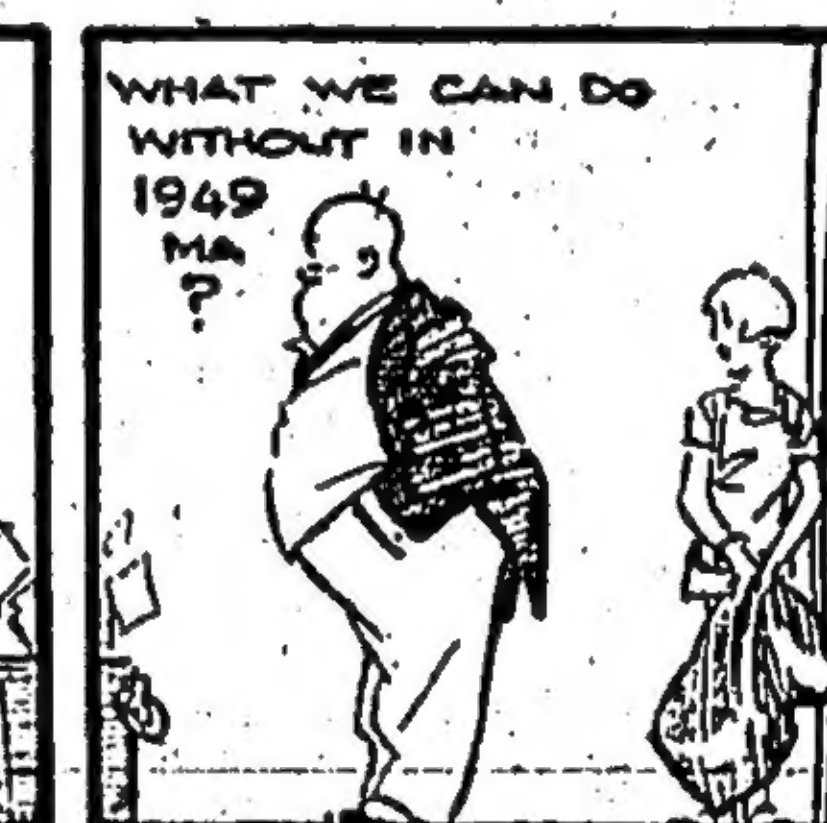
covered by defensive fire, were tactical obstacles that caused us many casualties and delays. It was always a laborious business to break through them, even though our technicians invented every conceivable kind of mechanical appliance to destroy mines safely. Marshal Zhukov gave me a matter-of-fact statement of his practice, which was roughly, "There are two kinds of mines; one is the personnel mine and the other is the vehicular mine. When we come to a mine field our infantry attacks exactly as if it were not there. The losses we get from personnel mines we consider only equal to those we would have gotten from machine guns and artillery. If the Germans had chosen to defend that particular area with strong bodies of troops instead of with mine fields. The attacking infantry does not set off the vehicular mines, so after they have penetrated to the far side of the field they form a bridgehead, after which the engineers come up and dig out channels through which our vehicles can go."

I had a vivid picture of what would happen to any American or British commander if he pursued such tactics, and I had an even more vivid picture of what the men in any one of our divisions would have had to say about the matter had we attempted to make such a practice a part of our tactical doctrine. Americans assess the cost of war in terms of human lives, the Russians in the over-all drain on the nation. The Russians clearly understood the value of morale, but for its development and maintenance they apparently depended upon over-all success and upon patriotism, possibly fanaticism.

As far as I could see, Zhukov had given little concern to methods that we considered vitally important to the maintenance of morale among American troops: systematic rotation of units, facilities for recreation, short leaves and furloughs, and above all, the development of techniques to avoid exposure of men to unnecessary battlefield risks, all of which, although common practices in our Army, seemed to be largely unknown in his.

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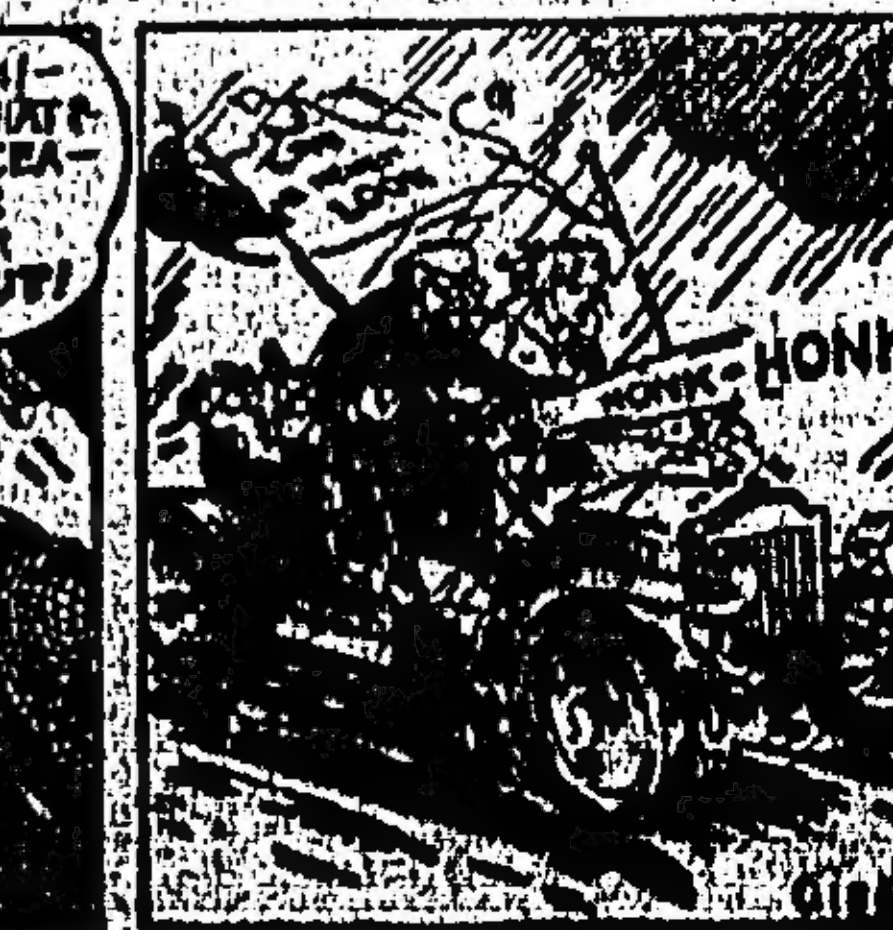
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RUSSIANS RENEW ATTACK ON U.S. POLICY IN JAPAN

Washington, February 18.

He's Alive But Dead

Framingham, Mass., February 17. Ralph C. Abbott, 32, begins today the third year of life-like death. On February 17, 1947, his car hit a tree. He was flung headlong into a stone wall and he has been unconscious in hospital ever since.

Surgeons said he will never awake because part of the brain which would stir his mind or open his eyes is beyond repair. Every hour, the sleeping man is fed concentrated liquid food through a nose tube.

Every two hours attendants turn him in his bed. Every day his 62-year-old father sits beside him waiting and hoping.—Reuter.

Millions Of Specs For Britons

London, February 17.

Two million pairs of spectacles were provided in Britain under the new national health scheme between July 5 last year when the scheme began and January 31 this year.

This was disclosed in the House of Commons tonight by Mr. Arthur Blenkinsop, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, who declared: "This shows the need there always has been but could not in the past be satisfied."

Presenting the £52.8 million supplementary estimates for the national health service, he explained that when the original estimate was prepared it was quite impossible to tell the extent to which the scheme would be used by the public, how far professional services would be available and how far the services of dentists would be forthcoming.

The estimates, he said, reflect a very much wider use of the service which existed when the scheme came into force.

Dealing with the £19 million increased running costs of hospitals, Mr. Blenkinsop said the major cause is increased wages and salaries—student nurses' pay has almost doubled.

Under the old health scheme there was an average of 51 million prescriptions in nine months. Under the new scheme 128 million would be needed in the same period.—Reuter.

BEDSHEETS AS RENT PROTEST

San Francisco, February 17. Landladies today hung bedsheets out of the windows of more than 100 San Francisco apartment houses in protest against rent controls.

The Women Building Owners, affiliated with San Francisco Apartment House Associations, said they will fly bedsheets as a symbol of protest against the injustice of rent control, until they get some action from Congress.—United Press.

LIQUOR DEATHS

Glasgow, February 17. Ten people who died after two month drunk methyl alcohol stolen by an employee from the local chemical works, a Glasgow inquest found today.

The police said an employee at the chemical works had admitted he had stolen the methyl alcohol and distributed it to friends. The man took some himself and had been taken to hospital.—Reuter.

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The Soviet Ambassador, Alexander S. Panyushkin, today renewed a demand that the Far Eastern Commission review American efforts to restore Japan's economy. He also asked that the commission make its own decision.

The Soviet envoy told the Pacific Allies' policy-making group that its rules were violated by an American order issued to the Japanese on December 10. This required Japan to impose strict price, wage and other controls.

The American aim, Mr. Panyushkin said, is to subject the Japanese economy to the interests of American monopolistic groups at the expense of Japan's economic independence.

The Soviet charges were made in a 2,000-word statement which Mr. Panyushkin read to the commission at its weekly closed-door session and then made public.

In it he returned to a dispute which first arose when the United States issued its new nine-point economic recovery programme. Mr. Panyushkin declared that the nation evaded the commission. The State Department retorted that the United States has ample authority to issue orders to General Douglas MacArthur as American occupation commander on urgent matters.

"Own Policy"

Mr. Panyushkin's latest criticism of the action was a general attack on American policy and intentions toward Japan.

"The United States Government is pursuing in Japan a policy of its own, directed towards the preservation and strengthening of large Japanese concerns which played a great part in the aggression carried out by Japanese militarists," he said.

In Washington, the United States today expressed regrets that Mr. Panyushkin had voiced mistaken understanding of American policy in Japan.

Jews Accused Of Breaking Faith

London, February 18.

The London journal, "The Spectator," said yesterday that Israel has broken faith with the United Nations by convening its Constituent Assembly in Jerusalem.

The UN has declared in favour of placing Jerusalem under international control. "There is no reason why Israel should be allowed to stampede the rest of the world into the surrender of Jerusalem," it said, and expressed the viewpoint that history is likely to prove a mill-stone round the neck of the Zionists.

"In their determination to keep faith with Solomon, they are compelled to break faith with the UN," it said. "Jerusalem was selected as the meeting place for the newly-elected Constituent Assembly of Israel in spite of the fact that the declared opinion of the UN and the profound hope of the non-Jewish world is that Jerusalem should be placed under international control."

"Jewish claims to Jerusalem are based on three points: right of conquest, religious association and the present Jewish majority in the city."

"The first two arguments would have justified Britain in assuming permanent control of the Holy City after the first world war, but as mandatory power, we took a considerably broader view of our responsibilities to non-Christians than the Jewish Government, has shown towards Gentiles."

"The argument from population figures is one for which Israel has shown no respect in districts where it runs counter to its ambitions—in the Negev and Galilee for example."

Exposure Test Was A Success

With R.N. Arctic Force, February 17.

Lieutenant-Commander Boyd Martin last night gave up his planned six-day exposure test for the Royal Navy's Arctic Force after almost three gruelling days.

The officer had been perched on a gun platform pretending to be a lonely airman brought down on an ice floe. He was testing a special airman's protection suit designed by himself and was living on normal six-day emergency rations.

He gave up the attempt after his small tent made from a parachute had been swept away during a 112-kilometres an hour gale.

Commander Martin said: "I have proved my emergency suits flawless. Until the sleeping bag came in I was so warm that I slept merely in underclothes." During the test he lost about four kilos.—Reuter.

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WRAF Chief Coming East

London, February 17. Group Officer Lady Seton, Inspector of the Women's Royal Air Force, will leave London airport tomorrow for an inspection tour of WAAF units in the Middle East and Far East.

Lady Seton will call at Aden on her way to Singapore.—Reuter.

Fascist Salutes In Rome

Rome, February 17.

The crowd broke into applause and many gave Fascist salutes when Prince Valerio Borghese, 42-year-old member of one of Rome's oldest families, was sentenced today to 12 years' imprisonment for collaborating with the Germans, which means he will be freed within a few weeks.

Eight years of his sentence have been cancelled under a political amnesty and he has already served over four years since the war.

After the sentence, the Prince kissed his 39-year-old Russian-born wife and declared: "Italy owes me eight months for the imprisonment I have already done." The trial began a year ago but was delayed by enquiries for further evidence.

The Prince was a former commander of the Republican Fascist "Ten Mass" Division. When the Prince said: "Italy owes me eight months for the imprisonment," he misunderstood the first reading of the sentence and he thought he would be freed immediately. It is believed that he was arrested in April, 1945, and therefore he has a short term to serve before the four years are completed.—Reuter.

NO BOOZE FOR CIVIL SERVANTS

Karachi, February 18.

Din Mohammed, Governor Sind, has warned the European officers of the Pakistan Government against drinking at parties.

The Governor said: "Islam has prohibited drinking and, as servants of an Islamic state, European officers must respect the sanctity of Islam and refrain from drinking or they may choose their future elsewhere."—Associated Press.

FRENCH ORDERS FOR BRITON

Salon, February 17.

Captain Martin James Evans, Royal Navy, has been decorated with the French Croix de Guerre and the Legion of Honour on board a French cruiser near here. Captain Evans, at present serving with the Royal Navy Intelligence at Singapore, was awarded the Order of the British Empire in 1942 for bravery and distinguished services at Malta.—Reuter.

BRITONS IN THE INDIAN ARMY

New Delhi, February 18.

Defence Ministry figures show there are 250 British officers in the Indian Armed Forces at present—295 in the Army, 43 in the Navy and 10 in the Air Force. In addition there are 26 Warant Officers in the Navy.—Associated Press.

CANON'S DEATH

Blackburn, February 17.

Only a fortnight after his installation as Canon of Blackburn Cathedral, Canon Henry Broadbent, Rural Dean of Blackburn, died today at his home, aged 69. He had previously held appointments at West Hartlepool, Nottingham, Bishop Auckland, Leeds and Wesham, Lancashire.—Reuter.

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"TITJALENGKA"	In port	to Javaports & Macassar 8th March.
"THIBADAK"	from Macassar & Javaports 3rd March.	to Shanghai & Javaports 17th March.
"THIBADANE"	from Macassar & Javaports 17th March.	to Shanghai & Javaports 31st March.

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Ship	Arrivals	Departures
"RUYS"	In port	to South Africa & South America 24th February 5 p.m.
"STRAAT MALAKKA"	from South Africa & Javaports 6th March.	to South Africa & South America 23rd March.
"BOISSEvain"	from South America & South Africa 31st March.	to South Africa & South America 21st April.
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Hong Kong Electric have announced a final dividend of \$1.70 less tax.

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Bradford, February 17.

Wool export group, officials said today that British wool exporters and manufacturers are taking direct action to prevent unfair Japanese competition.

Mr. D. Price, secretary of the wool export group, is flying to Japan to consult with SCAP regarding Japanese cut price competition of which, they said, there is mounting evidence in India, South Africa and Hong Kong.

Mr. Price will be joined by Mr. D. Palfreman, representing the wool textile group, who is at present in Hong Kong investigating wool textile import conditions.

They said: "We hope to make Americans aware of current price levels in the world. If Japan is permitted to continue price cutting a degree of firmness in low world level."

Officials of the group said that India, South Africa and Hong Kong are the three world markets where lack of confidence in British wool textile offerings is already being felt.

They said Japanese wool textiles are being sold in South Africa at eight to 10 shillings a yard cheaper than the British product.

Cause For Alarm

Wool textile manufacturers also said further cause for alarm is Japan's emergence as a substantial customer for raw wool on Australian markets. Under the sterling area trade agreement signed with Japan last November, Japan is permitted to buy 24,000 tons of Australian wool during the period ending June 30 this year.

The result of these bids for medium and faulty grades has been to boost prices which adversely affects British importers and weakens Britain's competitive position.

The officials said: "We are all very concerned about the growing Japanese menace. Already Japan's textile export trade is about 20 per cent of the pre-war level. Our representatives are going to the scene of trouble to see what can be done to prevent a repetition of the pre-war cut-throat competition." — United Press.

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Hong Kong, Feb. 18, 1940.

SILVER AND GOLD MARKETS

London, February 17.

The Stock Exchange was generally quiet today but some activity of interest. Several firm features were to be seen in industrial, Imperial Chemicals, etc.

Imperial Chemicals, etc. in which demand and interest were lively supported and there were improvements in iron, steel and store shares.

Oil made a better start, but later attracted little business and closed with scattered gains.

Trading in Government securities was barely sufficient to give the section a tryout although there were one or two small improvements.

Some selling of distressed utilities and small declines were registered in Leopoldin's and Great Western issues.

Foreign bonds remained quiet, steady.

The speech by the Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, advocating expansion of currency, stimulated interest in American "dividend" issues, improved on last week's market.

The South African gold index improved to 71.0.

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London Stock Exchange

London, February 17.

The Stock Exchange was generally quiet today but some activity of interest. Several firm features were to be seen in industrial, Imperial Chemicals, etc.

Imperial Chemicals, etc. in which demand and interest were lively supported and there were improvements in iron, steel and store shares.

Oil made a better start, but later attracted little business and closed with scattered gains.

Trading in Government securities was barely sufficient to give the section a tryout although there were one or two small improvements.

Some selling of distressed utilities and small declines were registered in Leopoldin's and Great Western issues.

Foreign bonds remained quiet, steady.

The speech by the Secretary of the U.S. Treasury, advocating expansion of currency, stimulated interest in American "dividend" issues, improved on last week's market.

The South African gold index improved to 71.0.

SECURITIES

British, Canadian, etc.

Conversion Loan, 3 1/2%, 100, 100 1/2

Funding Loan, 4%, 100/00, 100 1/2

War Loan, 3 1/2%, 100, 100 1/2

War Loan, 4%, 100, 100 1/2

Victory Bonds, 4%, 100, 100 1/2

INDUSTRIALS

British, Canadian, etc.

Imperial Chemicals, etc.

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ARMY FAVOURED TO BEAT SAINTS AT SOOKUNPOO

(By "ROVER")

Scots Out To Beat England XI

Of the five First Division soccer matches which are down for decision over the week-end, only two are likely to produce any interesting football.

The first of these two matches will be played this afternoon, when Army entertain St. Joseph's at Sookunpoo.

The Scottish selectors are leaving nothing to chance in their determination to build up their finest soccer side for the match against England at Wembley on April 9.

Their team, meeting the Army at Tynecastle on February 23, are internationalists. This line-up may need a few amendments through the Anglo-Scottish left wing Stiel, of Derby County, and Kelly, Burnley, are likely starters at Wembley.

The Scots have a poor record since full international games were resumed after the war. Last season they lost to all the other three home countries and the year before they lost one game and drew two.

Now both they and England will go to Wembley with two wins to their credit.

A further victory for Scotland will give them the undisputed championship for the first time since 1936—they shared it with England and Wales in 1939.

Compensation For Ferguson

Newcastle-on-Tyne, February 17.

Charles Ferguson, former professional footballer of North Shields, was at Newcastle-on-Tyne county court today awarded £2 15s. 0d. weekly workman's compensation from May 6, 1948, from North Shields football club, of which he had been player-manager.

Ferguson, who played as forward for Aberdeen and Middlesbrough before going to North Shields in 1945, said in evidence that he had been a professional footballer since 1932, earning £7, 5s. 0d. a week.

During a match on January 4, 1947, he injured his right knee and had never played since. He received full wages up to May 6, 1948, but had since received no compensation.—Reuter.

TEERING-OFF TIMES

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

OLD COURSE	
9.00 F.G. Harrison—D.G. Harrison	
9.15 A.E. Lissman—D.A.O. Davies	
9.30 G.H. Gauthier—P.F. Watkinson	
9.45 K.K. Wallace—D.H. Reid	
10.00 C.D. Culbertson—E.T. McMillen	
10.15 M.D. Cooper—L. Goldman	
10.30 R.A. Crawford—P. de Handville	
10.45 W.M. Simpson—J.M. Patterson	
11.00 J.W. Clague—W.A. Stewart	
11.15 J.C. Watson—J. Yerbe	
11.30 K.S. Robertson—W.D. Davies	
11.45 E.E. Hudson—M. Pollock	
12.00 F.D. Hunt—J.R. Alexander	
12.15 E.J.L. Mitchell—A. Redmond	
12.30 E. Bathurst—G. Stewart	
12.45 N.R. Oliver—A.D. Jackson	
1.00 A.H. McWhirter—L. Duffy	
1.15 W.G. Robertson—J.C. Pugh	
NEW COURSE	
9.00 R.L. Simand—R.P. Noble	
9.15 R.P. Newell—N.E. Wallen	
9.30 R.W. Wilson—J.R. Alexander	
9.45 W.M. Forde—D.H. Blake	
10.00 C.P. Bawell—G.P. Ferguson	
10.15 F.F. Booth—R.P. Morris	
10.30 H.A. Ayres—P. Greville	
10.45 R.D. Porter—E. Wright	

AMENDED KHALSA XI

The following is the amended line-up of the Khalsa Sports Club Hockey Team which will play against the Cable & Wireless Hockey XI on the "Y" Ground, King's Park, at 10 a.m. sharp tomorrow:—

Lall, Singh; A.P. Guest, Subedar Bhagat Singh; Balwant Singh; M. H. Hassan, Pritham Singh; G. W. P. Guest, B. Gossain, Mickey Ram, J. S. Dillon, and Lalchand.

Players unable to play should notify the Secretary, Telephone number 23939.

DIVORCE GRANTED TO MRS. LOUIS

Mexico City, February 17.

Mrs. Mervia Trotter Louis returned to Mexico City with a Mexican divorce in the judicial district against her husband, Joe Louis, the world heavyweight boxing champion.

The divorce was granted by mutual consent. Mrs. Louis receives custody of their son, who is 10 months old, and the child's father pays her \$100 weekly for the child.

The divorce was granted by the court in the judicial district of Mexico City.

The other match which is expected to provide a keen tussle is the meeting between Kowloon Motor Bus and Royal Navy at Boundary Street tomorrow.

When they met earlier in the season, Army beat St. Joseph's by one goal to nil in a very close game. The soldiers, however, surprisingly defeated by the Saints by four goals to three in their Shield encounter.

With this defeat still fresh in mind, the soldiers are not likely to take their opponents any too lightly this afternoon, but will go all out for a win. In the light of recent performances by these two teams, Army should notch both points.

May Gain A Point

At Boundary Street this afternoon, Police and Kwong Wah meet again. Although Police won by two goals to one last time, Kwong Wah stand a very good chance of gaining a point from today's game, particularly in view of the fact that the Police are now very weak in the forward line.

Tomorrow's game at Boundary Street between Kowloon Motor Bus and Royal Navy should provide the best football and will undoubtedly attract a large following. KMB stand a very good chance of winning by five goals to one.

Although the busmen are expected to win tomorrow, the margin of their victory is likely to be considerably narrowed down if the sailors are able to field their strongest side.

Chinese A.A. will travel to Sookunpoo for their match with H.A. and should repeat their previous success against the Air-men, when they won by five goals to one.

The match between S. China "A" and S. China "B" at Caroline Hill is likely to be another farcical game, with the "B" team more or less giving away both points to the "A" team.

In passing, it might be mentioned that the manner in which games between these two S. China teams, both in the League and in the Shield, are being played is far from satisfactory and calls for strong action by the Hong Kong Football Association.

Application Turned Down

When South China applied at the beginning of the season for permission to field two teams in the Senior Division, the application was strongly opposed and eventually turned down.

It was pointed out at the time that when South China had been allowed to field two teams in the Senior Division on one occasion before the war, the experiment had proved most unsatisfactory.

Notwithstanding this, the application was again made by the HKFA, which was endorsed by all true lovers of the game.

South China's subsequent management to obtain the necessary permission, although no explanation was given to the Public by the HKFA as to why it had suddenly climbed down and reversed its original decision.

Although it is too late to do anything this season, it is hoped that in future seasons, the Club will be allowed to field more than one team in any particular Division of the League, except on condition that the Club concerned agree to play off all inter-club fixtures before other teams in the League actually embark upon their fixtures.

In the case of any Club entering two teams in the Challenge Shield Competition, the inter-club teams should be called to play each other before other teams, taking part in the Competition, play off their fixtures.

Reverting once again to the School Football League, it must be said that the manner in which this league is being handled by the HKFA calls for comment.

Little or no interest is being shown in developing what may be considered to be a most important branch of local sports. If the standards of football in this Colony are to be improved in the future, it is absolutely necessary that the schoolboys be given every encouragement and assistance.

Lack Of Interest

The lack of interest displayed by the HKFA in promoting one of the most important branches of local sports, the school football, is a pity.

for the Education Department, in co-operation with the different Schools, to take over the running of the School League.

One of the chief obstacles facing the majority of Schools is apparently the lack of proper grounds and it is in this direction that they are dependent on the HKFA.

It is believed that the Reverend Brother C. John, Headmaster of St. Joseph's College, has been approached regarding the feasibility of securing a team of schoolboy players for a series of games.

Up to the moment, the Rev. Bro. John has not been able to come to any decision, as he is confronted with the problem as to how the necessary passage money can be raised. The authorities in the Philippines are only prepared to bear the cost of board and lodging, but have stipulated that the cost of passage to and from Manila be paid by the visitors.

In view of the fact that the Committee of Seven appointed to enquire into the existing state of football in this Colony expressed the belief that the standard of football in Hong Kong in the future would be improved through the running of the School Football League, and also in view of the fact that a tour such as that under contemplation would prove to be of inestimable value, the suggestion is put forward that the HKFA finance the proposed tour of the Philippines.

If the HKFA is really anxious to improve the standard of soccer in this Colony, it can best show its sincerity in the matter by taking steps to make the schoolboy tour a reality.

The following is the weekend soccer programme:—

TODAY

FIRST DIVISION
Army v. St. Joseph's, Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.;
Referree: A. Guest; Lineament: F.A. Jiarretto and P. George.
Kit Chee v. Club, Caroline Hill (postponed)
Referree: W. Gaffney; Lineament: W. Gaffney and J.L. Richardson.

SECOND DIVISION
Army-HK v. C.A.A., Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.;
Referree: F.A. Jiarretto; Lineament: F.A. Jiarretto and P. George.
Archie v. Kowloon, Boundary, 2.30 p.m.;
Referree: R. Ward; Lineament: N. Delgado and B.M. Lo.
Eou v. China "A" v. South China "B", Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.; Referree: J.G. Padley; Lineament: J. Day and Y.T. Leung.

TOMORROW

H.A. v. C.A.A., Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.; Referree: A. Guest; Lineament: F.A. Jiarretto and P. George.
K.M.B. v. Navy, Boundary, 4 p.m.; Referree: J. Ward; Lineament: N. Delgado and B.M. Lo.
Eou v. China "A" v. South China "B", Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.; Referree: J.G. Padley; Lineament: J. Day and Y.T. Leung.
W.S. China v. South China, Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.; Referree: L. Ding Tong; Lineament: J. Day and Y.T. Leung.
Police v. Talcott, Boundary, 2.30 p.m.; Referree: N. Delgado; Lineament: J. Day and Y.T. Leung.
Eastern v. St. Joseph's (Cancelled).

Record Entry For UK Shuttle Tournay

London, February 17.

Nine countries are represented in the record entry of 176 competitors for the all-England badminton championships at Harringay Arena, London, from March 2 to March 5.

They are Malaya, India, Denmark, Sweden, America, South Africa, England, Scotland and Ireland.

Denmark, who won all five titles last year and will be defending all except the men's doubles, have the biggest challenge to face from Malaya and the United States, who meet in the inter-zone final of the Thomas Cup in Glasgow next Monday and Tuesday.

The Malayan contingent numbers 10, including their reigning champion, Ooi Tok Hock, of Penang.

Captain of the American team, which travelled 6,000 miles from Los Angeles by air, is David Freeman, 25-year-old San Diego doctor, who has won the American singles title every year since 1939 without losing a single game.

India will be represented by six players who have come on from the United States.

The seeded players in the men's singles are Wong Pang-soon, of Malaya, Davinder Mohan Lal of India and Dave Freeman of America, who have eyes into the second round at the top of the draw.

El Karim In Semi-Finals

London, February 18.

Mahmoud El Karim, Egyptian squash racketeer, reached the semi-final of the Silvertown professional tournament today with another clean sweep against an English opponent.

El Karim whipped W. E. Gordon, recent winner of the Gray's pro-tourney, 9-0, 9-0, 9-0.

The Egyptian gave a brilliant show of squash rackets. He killed the ball from any position in the court.

Gordon injudiciously tried to play El Karim at his own game, as a result there were sparkling rallies which delighted the audience but Gordon himself could never score.—Associated Press.

Only One To Defy W. Indies

Galle, February 17.

F. C. Saram, who gained his cricket blue at Oxford, for whom he played in 1934 and 1935, was the only Galle batsman to stand up to the West Indies attack in the two-day match which ended today in a draw.

Although giving three chances, Saram batted with supreme confidence for nearly two hours to score 75. He hit 12 fours.

The West Indies, declaring at their overnight total of 435 for 7, dismissed the Galle club for 234, following on 201 runs behind, the home team hit up 66 for 4 in half an hour's breezy cricket.—Reuter.

SWEDEN BEAT SWISS, 3-1

Stockholm, February 17.

Sweden beat Switzerland by three goals to one in the final of the World Ice Hockey championship at Stockholm tonight.

The police outside the stadium were reinforced tonight in case of a repetition of last night's disorders, in which over 50 people were injured.

The injured were among a crowd of 5,000 which stormed the gates before the Canadian-Sweden match, following newspaper accusation of unfair play by the Canadians in their match against Czechoslovakia on Tuesday.—Reuter.

SPRINGS LEAK

On her way from Bangkok to Shanghai with 7,500 tons of rice, the ss. Ting Hsing sprung a leak after leaving Goh Si Chang, Indo-China.

The 8,250-ton Chinese-registered vessel, commanded by Mr. M.M. Neeboe, arrived in Hong Kong yesterday for repairs to a leakage in the No. 1 double bottom tank.

The Shanghai Rugby XV, comprising R. Goelling, E. G. Day, E. F. Kiddy, H. G. Proudman, R. Colt, P. B. Leckie, J. B. Huang, E. Cooke, H. Anadell, P. Schlee, R. Salter, Dr. R. G. M. Wedderburn (Captain), D. P. Graham and R. Brabant-Smith, together with W. Tingle (Touch Judge), which arrived at Kai Tak yesterday by HK Airways plane. They were met by Mr. F. Cesarof of the Hong Kong Football Club, who is also shown in the above photo.—("China Mail" Photo).

Pen Portraits Of Colony's Rugby XV

Here are some pen portraits of the Colony's rugby Interport XV, which will meet Shanghai at the Club ground this afternoon:

Loehlan—Normally plays scrum half; in which position he played for Army in Europe before coming East. Has safe pair of hands. Kicks and tackles well.

R. de Rome—Joined Club from Army this season; is a wonderfully strong runner and takes great deal of stopping when going for corner flag. Sound in defence.

D. Henderson—Club's best all round back, also joined Club from Army this year. Straight strong runner and devastating tackler. Only weakness, which he shares with first Colony backs, Not keen on lying on ball.

R. Franklin—A strong runner with most elusive sidestep; on occasion holds on to ball too long.

D. Robinson—Sound wins three-quarter who goes hard for the corner but allows himself to be penned to the touchline too easily.

D. Nolan—A grand attacking fly-half with splendid hands. Defensive kicking very sound but tackling sometimes weak.

J. R. Henderson—Still as sparkling as ever in attack and sure in defence. Playing today in his own position—scrum half; extremely clever at breakaway from scrum base.

F. V. Carrel—Large, powerful forward. Vice Captain of the side, plays sound all round game and produces that "little extra" required when things are not going too well. Grand player in the loose.

N. I. Moffat—Clever young hooker, plays well in loose and has perfect ball control with his feet.

H. M. G. Forgate—In the loose probably Club's best forward, plays typical Scottish game and revels in it. Works hard in tight.

E. Brown—Small but heavy, plays magnificent game in the light. Club owe much of their success to his and T. Bowman's (his partner in the second row) work in the tight scrums. An Australian.

T. Bowman—Like Brown, is rarely seen but plays a magnificent game in the scrum and is always up with the ball.

J. Warner—Another Australian is one of Club's finds of the year. Although, on occasion does not lend his weight to the scrum, creates havoc among opposing half backs by devastating tackling.

Alex Taylor—Too well known to require much comment; unbeatable in the line-out and, once moving with the ball, needs a tremendous amount of stopping.

P. Hutson—Has had bad luck this season—missed the majority of games owing to injury. Is very fast and tackles hard and low—a fine wing forward.

WANTS GERMAN, JAPS BACK

New York, February 17.

Dan Ferris, secretary of the United States Amateur Athletic Union, today advocated the re-admission of Germany and Japan to international sport.

Ferris had been asked by Reuter to comment on a report that the United States will support Japan's application for readmission to the International Swimming Federation.

He said that Japan and Germany will eventually be readmitted to international sport as it might as well be now as later.—Reuter.

JOE LOUIS OFF TO JAMAICA

Miami, Florida, February 17.

The world heavyweight champion, Joe Louis, has arrived here on his way to Jamaica to make two public appearances.

He will fly to Kingston tomorrow, according to his publicity manager, and will appear in an exhibition bout at Montego Bay on Saturday, and at Kingston on Monday.

No opponents have been named.—Reuter.

MORE REGISTER FOR HKDF

Sixty-five persons signed up for the Defence Force yesterday, of whom 10 were Europeans.

Those who enrolled for the other services, mostly in the Special Constabulary, numbered 84. The number is expected to be considerably increased today when some of the forms from the various clubs and business firms are returned.

Canucks Expected To Be In High Spirits Vs. Khalsa

(By "GRANDSTAND")

With the Canucks still basking in the after-glow of their surprise victory over the Saints last week, they will be in high spirits when they tangle with Khalsa tomorrow in their home-stretch pennant drive.

Last week three senior league teams failed to take the field and it is understood that the Americans have now officially withdrawn after failing to meet the last half dozen league commitments.

This attitude is characteristic of the fading weeks of a flag race and unless something is done to stob this malpractice, such a state of affairs is likely to continue until the end of the season.

This brings up again the question of the suspension of the Recreio players who withdrew as a team early in the season. There is dissatisfaction in certain quarters that these players have been made the goats by doing the proper thing when they found that they were unable to field nine men, especially when one team withdrew before they did without being similarly penalised.

It may be argued that the reason, if any, given by the Club de Recreio were unsatisfactory to the Association, and in the absence of the full facts, we prefer not to judge.

No Action Taken
Recently, however, one team has continually absented itself from the diamond; yet no action has been taken against those players.

The Association's silence on this matter is puzzling, and gives ground for breeding the suspicion that what is sauce for the goose is not sauce for the gander.

With the flag chase coming to a close early next month, the Association's final ruling on the Recreio-Saints game played off before the much discussed withdrawal, assures increasing importance.

A decision could not be reached by the General Committee, and the matter was referred to Florida, the supreme authority. That was some time ago and still no word has been received.

The Association will soon have to decide one way or the other. Should the decision be favourable to the Saints, a play-off becomes a likelihood, otherwise, the pennant scramble is all over bar the shouting.

Around this time of the year, thoughts turn to the Bating Title. At the moment VRC flashy shortstop Ismar Ediken is at the top of the pile, pounding the apple for an impressive 407 average, while Madcapper Spiky Clutter is hot on his neck with 400.

Surprisingly enough, Baseballer has been named "hit or miss" swinger Dick Silva is third in the rating. Dick started off early in the season matching homers with the top sluggers, but suffered a slump in mid-season, especially once when he whiffed four times in succession. It appears Dick has rallied in the end to a challenging position.

This powerful trio is setting a terrific pace and to maintain their averages, it will be necessary for them to collect at least four hits in their possible ten times at bat for the remainder of the season.

The Ladies Loop
In the ladies' loop, the standings show that a pair of Wahooks are pitted against a couple of Wilcats for honours.

WEEK-END PROGRAMME AND UMPIRE ROSTER

SENIOR LEAGUE

Sunday—Recreio v. Football Ground (Chas. Figueiredo, Duster, Hargrave, Ben. Recreio).
Monday—Madcap v. Overseas (Bill. Ableson, Ben. Ableson, Avilo, Campos).
CRA Grounds
Monday—Philippines v. Chung Hwa (Hill. White, Joe. Rosario, Rocco, Tschel, 2.00 p.m.; Canada v. Korea (Doo. Mah. then, Fred. Dietz, P.O. Wong).

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Saturday—Recreio, Football Ground (Bill. Silva, Robin Hill, Tony. Tampo).
Sunday—Recreio, Football Ground.
9.00 a.m.—Vikings v. Recreio (Phil. Recreio, Tschel, 2.00 p.m.; Korea v. Mahawks (Korb. Qun, Bill. Woo, "Tiger" Hargrave).

LADIES LEAGUE

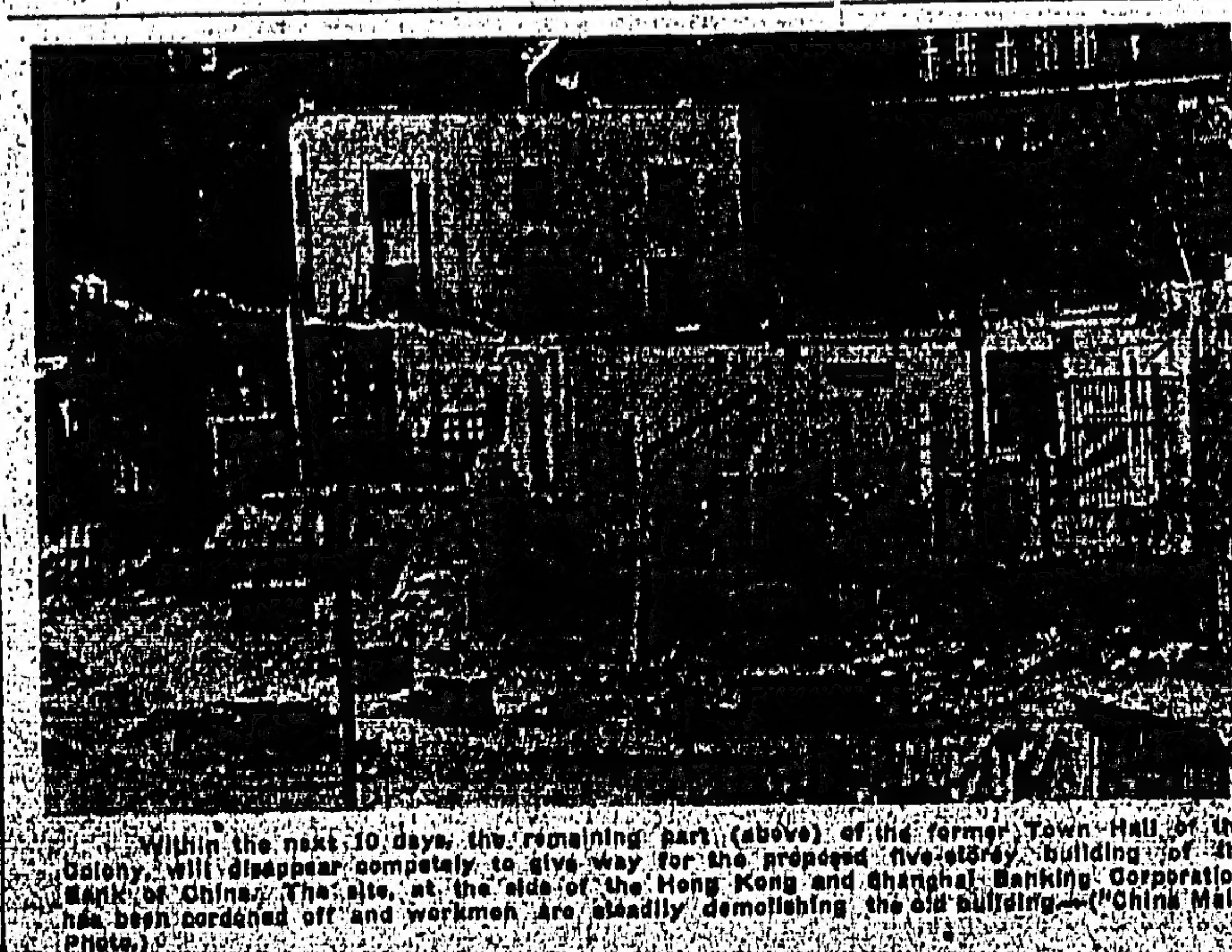
Saturday: 4.00 p.m.—Pirates v. Canuckettes (Phil. Remedios, Alvaron. Rocco, Norman. Hargrave).

YMCA CONCERT

A programme of recorded music will be presented by Mr. H. P. Hall at the 10th Arm Club Group meeting at the European YMCA, tomorrow at 8.30 p.m.

The programme follows:
Overture: The Merry Wives of Windsor (Nicolai); Fantasia Improvisata in C (Chopin); Summer Days Suite (Coates); Love's Joy and Love's Sorrow (Chas. de Lane); Debussy's Aria "I'm the Factorum"; from "The Barber of Seville" (Rossini); Ballet Music from "Romance" (Schubert); Serenade for Strings (Tchaikovsky); and Piano—Concerto in A major (Grieg).

Admission: 100 tickets for the concert have been reserved for the members of the 10th Arm Club Group. The remaining tickets will be available for sale at the door.



Within the next 10 days, the remaining part (above) of the former Town Hall of the Colony will disappear completely to give way for the proposed new building of the Bank of China. The site, at the side of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, has been cordoned off and workmen are busily demolishing the old building.—("China Mail" Photo).